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FRANCE READY TO FIGHT FOR HARBOUR THRILL TO FIGHT FOR Europeans Rescue Boys INDO-CHINA Swept Down In Nullah

France is determined to resist any Japanese attack on Indo-China, according to a report from Vichy cabled by the "Daily Mail" correspondent on the Franco-Spanish frontier this morning.

Demobilisation of all native regiments in Indo-China has been cancelled, all coastal defence ports have been manned and all French warships in the Far East ordered to Indo-China.—Reuter.

NEW GOVERNOR BROADCASTING TO-NIGHT

The Colony's new Military Governor, who arrived this morning to act in the absence of Sir. Geoffry Northcote, has arranged to broadcast over ZBW this evening at 9.45 p.m.

Lt-General Norton is thus setting a highly interesting precedent, for it is expected that His Excellency will use the occasion to "introduce himself" to the general public and give a broad outline of the policy and aims of his administration.

BRITTANY AND NAZI INTRIGUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
"NEVER HAS BRITTANY BETRAYED FRANCE; NEVER WILL SHE DO SO IN THESE TRIALS," MONSIGNOR DU PARC, BISHOP OF THE BRETON CITY OF QUIMPER, WRITES IN A LETTER IN "PARIS SOIR," PUBLISHED IN CLERMONT FERRAND, YESTERDAY.

Warning the population against the campaign of Breton separationism, "sponsored by irresponsible personages," the Bishop added: "Four centuries of common national history have created intimate ties between ourselves and France."



The Colony's new Administrator, Lt-General E. F. Norton, arrived this morning and was welcomed at Queen's Pier by representatives of the Government and the Services. His Excellency is shown above taking the salute of the Guard of Honour on leaving the Pier. Major-General A. E. Grasset, the G.O.C., is immediately behind His Excellency. (King's Studio).

METZLER MURDER ARRESTS IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE MURDER OF THE POPULAR WHITE RUSSIAN LEADER, METZLER, HAVE PRODUCED SEVERAL ARRESTS ON SUSPICION AND FOR ENQUIRIES AND A CROP OF RUMOURS.

It was reported in Shanghai last night, for instance, that General Karpoff, formerly leader of the anti-Communist movement in Harbin, had been taken into custody by the S.M.P. in connection with the crime.

This morning, however, the police of the International Settlement denied the report of the Karpoff detention.

It is, however, disclosed that the Japanese consular police have arrested the two Korean owners of a Chapel garage to which the car used by Metzler's murderers was traced.

Three Chinese have also been taken into custody for questioning. Meanwhile, Mrs. Metzler has returned from Japan and the

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the rest of France.—Havas.

FROM TRAM STATION TO V.R.C.

Two Europeans — Mr. L. Landau, of Andersen, Meyer and Co. and Marine Quinn — and Mr. Poon Kai-sit, of the Lai Tsin Swimming Club, participated in a spectacular harbour rescue during the tiffin hour to-day.

Three Chinese boys who were bathing in the nullah beside the Lower Peak Tram station, were caught by the sudden rise in the water which accompanied the miniature cloudburst shortly after 1.30 and were swept down the nullah into the harbour.

As the boys were swept struggling into the harbour by the V.R.C., they were spotted by Club "boys" and Mr. Landau, who was having tiffin at the Club, Marine Quinn, who was in the Naval Yard, and Mr. Poon, who was practising in the Club Bath, plunged into the rescue.

Fortunately the harbour was calm and the three boys were brought to shore by the three rescuers, none the worse for their experience.

WEATHER FORECAST:—South-east winds, moderate to fresh; fair generally.

AMERICAN STEAMER RELEASED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

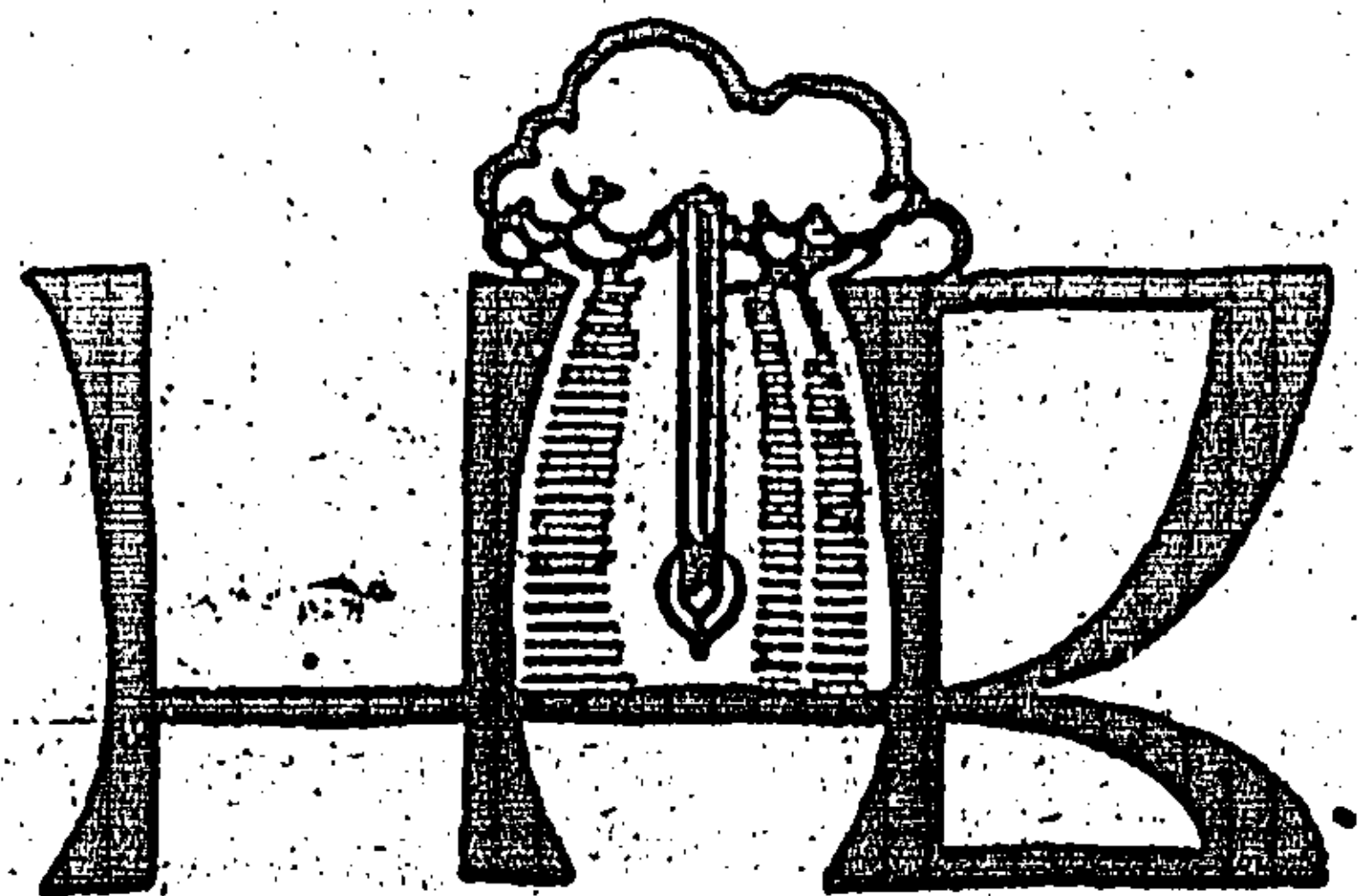
Detained by the Japanese naval authorities since July 31 while on the way to Fukien, the small American vessel Estelle, was released yesterday afternoon. It was alleged the vessel was caught in a typhoon off the Chekiang coast and was forced to hug the coast thereby entering the blockade zone recently established by the Japanese. — Havas.

SPAIN TO BECOME CORPORATIVE STATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Establishment of a new parliament, no more elective but on a corporative basis, is being studied in Madrid. The present Cortes will be replaced by a chamber of corporations similar to that in Italy. The measure will probably mark only the first step in thorough reforms of the Spanish political system along totalitarian lines.—Havas.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

INVASION BY GLIDER!

Speculation On Blitzkrieg

LONG-RANGE GUNS ON FRENCH SIDE OF CHANNEL

POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTEMPTED INVASION OF ENGLAND BY GERMAN TROOPS CONVEYED IN TOWED GLIDERS IS NOT RULED OUT ALTOGETHER IN LONDON.

Cables received this morning indicate that the blitzkrieg threat continues to be the primary subject of discussion.

Authoritative circles in London regard the stories emanating from the German Propaganda Ministry regarding the setting up of long-range guns along the French side of the Channel as having some basis in fact.

There seems to be no doubt that such guns are being erected on the Northern coast of France.

It is pointed out that the Nazis trained their soldiers for the Norwegian invasion on the eastern part of the German Baltic coastline, and the same plan may be adopted for the assault on Britain.

There is no disposition to display any anxiety about developments in France. There is every reason to believe, it is stressed, that the Air Force will be able to give due warning when the invasion, if ever it is attempted, is being prepared.

It is the reported intention of the Germans to use towed gliders.

This, as the Royal Air Force, have proved for themselves, is feasible, but it is thought that these gliders are much more likely to be used for transporting supplies for parachutists than for carrying troops.—Reuter.

DEATH OF AUTHOR OF FAMOUS HOAX

THE DEATH WAS ANNOUNCED IN LARCHMONT (NEW YORK) YESTERDAY OF DR. FREDERICK COOK, WHO PERPETRATED ONE OF THE GREATEST HOAXES ON RECORD BY CLAIMING HE DISCOVERED THE NORTH POLE IN 1909.

Five days after Cook made this claim a similar claim was made by the late Admiral Peary. After Cook had been widely idolised, an enquiry committee rejected Cook's claim and substantiated Admiral Peary's.—Reuter.

NEW CLIPPER WINGING TO HK.

The American Clipper, newest addition to the trans-Pacific air fleet of Pan American Airways, hopped off from Manila for Hong Kong this morning at 9.00 a.m.

The huge flying boat, veteran of six months trans-Atlantic service, has been transferred to the trans-Pacific service to make possible the necessary increase in equipment to enable Pan American Airways to operate their new South-Pacific service between San Francisco and Auckland, New Zealand. The American Clipper will alternate her runs between San Francisco and Hong Kong and San Francisco and Auckland. The Clipper is expected to arrive at Hong Kong from Manila at about 2.00 p.m.

"VAST BRITISH SPY RING" IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A British source in Shanghai yesterday categorically dismissed allegations contained in the Japanese newspaper "Tairiku" claiming the discovery of a vast British spy organisation in Shanghai. The generalisations contained in the article are "far too crude to convince anyone," it was stated.—Havas.

BLACK-OUT EXERCISE ON AUGUST 27

THE DIRECTOR OF Air Raid Precautions announces that a "black-out" exercise will take place on the 27th August, 1940.

In previous exercises the air raid warning signal has been associated and/or considered as the executive signal to "black out." Such an interpretation is not quite correct, and the real and primary meaning of the air raid warning signal is that "an air raid may be expected at any moment."

In the exercise on the 27th August, the black-out will automatically commence at sunset (6.45 p.m.) and no air raid warning will be sounded at this hour. It will, however, be sounded at some period during the dark hours to indicate the imminence of an imaginary air attack.

The Lighting Control Regulations will be strictly enforced from sunset onwards and the general public should observe the following points:—

(a) External lights of every description, both on the land and in ships (except navigation and riding lights) must not be lit.

(b) All internal lights must be screened by shutters, dark blinds, dark curtains or otherwise so that no light, direct or indirect, is visible from above or from any other direction.

(c) Lights on all types of road transport must be obscured with two thicknesses of ordinary blue close-woven cloth or paint. The use of headlights on motor vehicles is prohibited, in other lamps the bulb must not exceed 7 watts in power.

(d) Torches and naked lights are prohibited, unless screened with two thicknesses of ordinary blue close-woven cloth or paint.

(e) The harbour will be closed to the ingress and egress of ships.

(f) Lighthouses and certain aids to navigation will not be lit.

Road Traffic

Thirty minutes after sunset (7.15 p.m.) navigation and riding lights must be extinguished, and ships under way must proceed to the nearest safe anchorage or jetty.

On the sounding of the Air Raid Alarm, all road traffic must stop, pull into the side of the road, extinguish all lights and remain thus until the Raiders Passed signal has been sounded.

The termination of the exercise will be indicated by the sound-

ing of the Raiders Passed signal, when normal lighting, land and sea traffic movements may be resumed.

Movements of traffic, throughout the period of the black-out, employed by the Naval, Military, Air Force, A.R.P. and Essential Services will be permitted, but the provisions of the Lighting Control Regulations must be complied with.

Pedestrians should remain in their houses and thereby avoid exposing themselves to the grave risks of personal injury which are inherent during a black-out, and also to accustom themselves to conditions which would be enforced in war time.

RUMANIA'S HARVEST LOSSES

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT RUMANIA'S HARVEST WILL BE THE SMALLEST FOR MANY YEARS, AND THERE WILL BE NO EXPORT SURPLUS. RATIONING IS TO BE INTRODUCED.

One reason for this is that the areas recently taken over by Russia include 25 per cent of the cereal area of the country, 65 per cent of the sun-flower oil-seed area and 85 per cent of the soya bean area.—Reuter.

TAKING WATERS AT VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A large number of sick people have poured into Vichy taking advantage of the authorities' permission for the reopening of the watering places there. According to the press the establishment where the famous health waters of Vichy are once again available, was packed.—Havas.

INTERNEE STABBED THROUGH BLANKET

After repeated adjournments since the alleged killing of a fellow internee on May 30, the case against Yiu Fai, 40, Chinese soldier from Argyle Street Internment Camp, accused of the murder, was opened before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

He was badly assaulted and wounded by some-one and, in consequence, I cannot eat. I wish to request the authorities to have me shot or have me removed to hospital for treatment," said the accused in answer to the charge.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Assistant Crown Counsel, conducted the prosecution with the assistance of Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey.

Mr. Reynolds said accused was an inmate of Argyle Street Camp in which 730 Chinese soldiers were interned. The Camp was divided into huts and about 70 men were housed in each hut.

Accused lived in the same hut as deceased. It was alleged by the Crown that he was seen with a knife in his hand standing beside deceased's bed, and that he stabbed several times through the blanket.

Stabs Through Blanket

One of the inmates of the hut, who saw the stabbing, shouted and chased accused, and disarmed him with the assistance of others.

Both the dead man and accused were removed to Kowloon Hospital and were examined by Dr. Newton and Dr. Gosano. According to Dr. Gosano, deceased received five stab wounds on the body. He died in the afternoon.

Mr. Reynolds went on to say that, according to accused's own story, deceased had thrown the ball at him and struck him in a ball game about a week prior to the incident.

In view of this incident and accused's actions during the stabbing, the prosecution would submit that accused wilfully killed deceased.

After Dr. Gosano's evidence, the case was adjourned.

STILL OVER 800,000 UNEMPLOYED

Between June 17 and July 15 there was an increase of 60,431 in the number of registered unemployed in Britain, the total being 827,266.

Increase is attributed to the Government policy of reducing home consumption and concentrating on the export trade.—Reuter.

VICHY ISSUES AN APPEAL

M. Lemery, Minister of Colonies in the Petain Government, yesterday addressed an appeal to the population of New Caledonia to reject the attempt to enlist the colony's support for General de Gaulle.

A communique in Vichy referred to the "agitation carried on by the Council-General and certain elements of the people" in defiance of the local French authorities.

Reports received in Australia a few days ago stated that New Caledonia had decided to continue the war at Britain's side.

The Council-General is an elected body of 15, whose function is to assist the Governor.—Reuter.

THIEVES' SABOTAGE

Wong Hon, 32, plater, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with maliciously damaging two propeller shafts to the extent of \$2,500 at Taikoo Docks on Sunday.

Inspector Russell said that defendant with three other Chinese, was seen stripping the white metal from two propeller shafts with a chisel.

The damaged area on the shafts was 18 feet long and eight inches in diameter.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

EIGHTEEN PASSENGERS BURIED IN LANDSLIDE

PITIFUL SCENES were witnessed in the neighbourhood of Taipo Tunnel yesterday following the second tragic landslide in three days.

It is now ascertained that all the railway workmen escaped unhurt, the victims being railway passengers from Kowloon who had left one train and were walking along the track to board another on the other side of the tunnel, the line being still blocked by Saturday's landslide.

Eighteen of these passengers, possibly more, including women and children were caught by the fresh avalanche, and four bodies were dug out yesterday afternoon. Six persons were rescued alive.

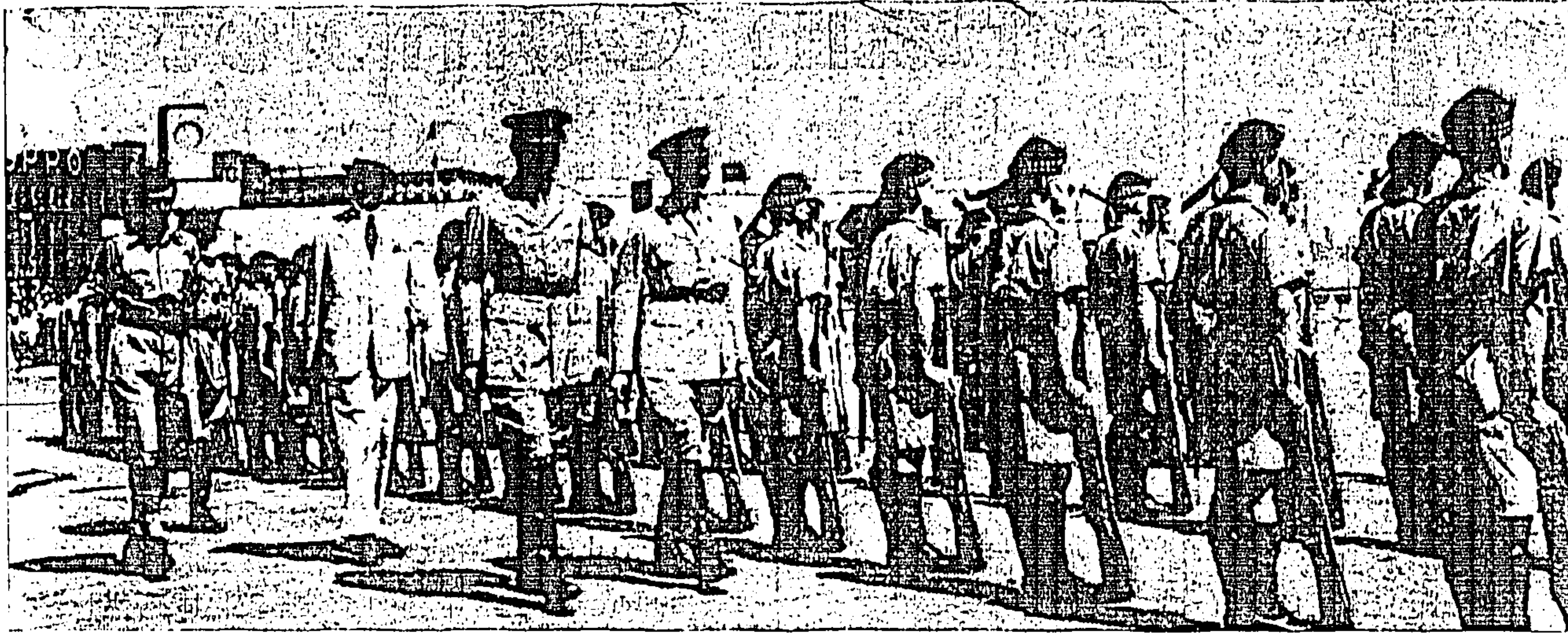
Rescue operations continued this morning, but there is but scant hope of further survivors. One elderly Chinese, dressed in European-style clothes, was seen near the scene of the disaster, weeping bitterly.

He said that he had returned from Singapore with his four small daughters and was on his way to board the launch to She-yu-chung to return to his village. The four girls were caught under the avalanche.

FIRM TONE ON THE STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was well attended yesterday and the tone firm despite small turn-overs. Industrials were the best section showing useful gains on provincial support. Kaffirs occasionally strengthened.

Glit-edged fully maintained the initial advance while oils and less prominent issues strengthened. Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.



His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, inspecting the Guard of Honour of the Royal Scots, on landing at Queen's Pier to take up his new appointment this morning. General Norton, who landed in civilian clothes, is seen at the left of the photograph. (King's Studio).

R.A.F. JOYRIDE

Pilot's After-Breakfast Trip

A 2-HOUR "JOYRIDE" flight by a British bomber pilot was described in London yesterday. He apparently enjoyed himself no end!

He set off for his objective in Northern France after breakfast early one morning.

INCREASE IN BRITISH JOBLESS

THE INCREASE OF 60,431 DURING LAST MONTH IN THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN BRITAIN, ANNOUNCED BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR YESTERDAY, HAS BEEN FORESHADOWED IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MR. BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR SUGGESTING THAT SUCH A RESULT WAS LIKELY AS A TEMPORARY EFFECT OF THE DELIBERATE PLAN OF GOVERNMENT TO DECREASE SOME CONSUMPTION AND CONCENTRATE DISPLACED LABOUR ON THE PRODUCTION OF ESSENTIAL GOODS.

The transfer of workers from non-essential to essential production, Mr. Bevin claimed, would need time to carry out before the balance of employed labour could be regained.

The Ministry of Labour and Board of Trade are working together as closely as possible to arrange the absorption of displaced workers in munition making and the export trade with minimum hardship.

The increase in unemployment is also partly due to the loss of coal markets on the continent of Europe.

Figures show that the increase is particularly noticeable among women employed in the textile and clothing industries and among temporarily employed in the coal industry in which the actual number of unemployed is still as a whole very low.

Over all industries the number of wholly unemployed men was fewer by over 46,000. Total figure of unemployed on July 15 was 827,266 against 766,835 a month ago.—British Wireless.

PURSUING A MIRAGE

SIR C. P. RAMASWAMI Aiyer, Dewan (Premier) of Travancore, addressing the Travancore Legislative Assembly yesterday, referred to the Congress demand for independence.

He said that to ask that an unarmed India should discard Dominion status and British protection was to pursue a mirage and cling to the illusion that the doctrine of non-violence could be carried into effect in a world full of violence.—Reuter.

Near Gravelines, he saw an armoured train moving along the railway to Dunkirk. He bombed it.

A little later, he saw 20 barges on a canal east of Gravelines and dropped some more bombs, registering hits.

A little later still, he found an enemy bomber and got in several short bursts at it before the enemy machine got away in the clouds.

Then he flew low over a Gravelines parade ground and machine-gunned about 50 Germans on parade there.

Still unsatisfied, he next turned his attention to an aerodrome, which he machine-gunned, hitting the hangars and headquarters.

During this little operation, a shell from a pom-pom gun struck his plane, and, deciding to call it a day, he returned home to his base.—Reuter.

GIRL WHO ESCAPED

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon this morning, Lau Siu-king, 18, spinner, was remanded when charged with leaving the Po Leung Kuk without a written permit from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

Inspector G. W. Moreton said that defendant was one of the three girls who escaped. Defendant was admitted to the institution on June 24, and was placed in "J" ward for observation. Some time between 12.30 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. on July 11, defendant, with the other girls escaped. She was arrested in Kowloon yesterday.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Hon. Mr. Norman Lockhart Smith, C.M.G., has resumed duty as Colonial Secretary.

FOUR FIGHTERS AGAINST FIFTY

AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE issued in Cairo says: "In the Direlogobhi area our reconnaissance aircraft escorted by four fighters met fifty fighters. In the ensuing battle three enemy aircraft were shot down, two of them in flames.

A force of our bombers made an attack on motor transport concentrations west of Birelogobhi. On the way to the target our bombers were engaged by approximately fifty fighters two of which were shot down, one of them in flames, by our aircraft.

A third enemy fighter was shot down by the enemy's own anti-aircraft fire. One of our fighters is missing.

Enemy bombers attacked Mersa Matruh where bombs were dropped but there were no R.A.F. casualties.

Our fighters intercepted and forced a number of enemy aircraft to jettison their bombs in the sea. Two enemy aircraft were so badly damaged that they are unlikely to have been able to return to their base.

Berbera Attack

On Saturday three bombers attacked a ship in Berbera harbour. Our fighters intercepted the raiders and severely damaged — possibly shooting down — one of them.

The statement in this communiqué that one British machine failed to return is the answer to Italy's claim to have "destroyed fourteen British aircraft during yesterday." — British Wireless.

ALCANTARA LEAVES RIO

The British armed merchant-cruiser, Alcantara, which was damaged in action against a German commerce raider last week, has been temporarily repaired and has left Rio de Janeiro, according to Reuter's correspondent there, cabling this morning.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over Manchuria and the Pacific to the north-east of Japan; it is relatively low over the Pacific between the Philippines and the Western Carolines. The depression is stationary over South-West China, and has partially filled up.

PEAK TRAM STATION INCIDENT

A 24-year-old unemployed, Tse Shing, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning, with robbing Mrs. D. M. Begdon of a handbag at the Peak Tram Station in Barker Road yesterday. Defendant was remanded for 48 hours for further enquiries.

Sub-Inspector C. Baysting is in charge of the case.

Mrs. Begdon was in the tram station at Barker Road when the incident occurred, having just missed the downward-bound tram.

Her first intimation that a thief had entered the station was a blow on the head, and when she turned round the snatcher dealt Mrs. Begdon a second blow, knocking her down.

He then snatched at her bag and ran into the undergrowth, where some minutes later a man, alleged to be the thief, was arrested.

Freakishly, when the robber snatched the bag, he left its cash contents in Mrs. Begdon's hand, she had just opened the bag and taken the money out when struck.

AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCES

The Australian Minister of Supply announces that the petrol dumps are being moved further inland and arrangements are being made to set up cisterns and pooling for marketing and maximum efficiency in the use of tankers and underground storage.

These arrangements are almost complete.—Reuter.

His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government (Lt. Gen. Norton) has appointed Mr. Garrod Trevelton to be his Private Secretary, and Captain Sydney Harry Batty-Smith, The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire), to be his Aide-de-Camp.

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Britain Completes Polish Military Pact

AN ANGLO-POLISH military agreement was signed in London yesterday afternoon, Mr. Winston Churchill and Lord Halifax signing for Britain and General Sikorski and M. Zaleski for Poland.

The agreement confirms the principles of co-operation and re-affirms the determination of both countries to pursue the war to a successful conclusion.

BURMA ROAD TO BLAME?

The Burma Road has much to answer for, says "St. John's Review."

The original report that it was to be kept open justified the authorities in ordering the evacuation and at the same time it pleased the Chinese who were so much dependent on it for their supplies.

However, it was reasonable to suppose that this decision would stand, because it was in accordance with the treaties. There is no official war between Japan and China. The maintenance of this open back door to China involved the danger of Hong Kong's front door being shut.

The military having been given the task of defending Hong Kong naturally wanted the conditions that a successful defence would require. Hong Kong has been fortified at great expense during the past five years and could be held as a fortress for a considerable time against an enemy, but as a city of nearly two million inhabitants, its position would be quite different. Starvation, disease and internal trouble would obviously undermine any defensive scheme.

"Seem"

The Burma Road was closed however, no doubt with great reluctance, and only because every ounce of energy was necessary to ward off the enemy from the very heart of the Empire.

The danger to Hong Kong passed for the time being, and made the evacuation of the women and children seem unnecessary.

This irritated the community and especially those who went away. Hardship in a good cause is endurable, but when imposed without good reason it merely makes one angry.

The whole question seems to turn on whether there was military necessity for the step that was taken. Military people, like every one else, have to take precautions, since bitter experience has taught them the danger of not doing so. The danger is obviously not past.

Bound To Be Trouble

Had a blockade occurred, or something worse, there would have been severe condemnation of the government for not having been more drastic in forcing an exodus of the population. As this has not occurred, there is bitter criticism for doing anything at all. In either case there was bound to be trouble.

The journey, from reports received was a severe strain on some of the passengers, and the sojourn in Manila not at all pleasant. These hardships assume large proportions in times of peace though in times of war such a manner of escape would have been regarded as fortunate.

We are too near to China to be ignorant of the ghastly horrors of living in a city that is daily bombed from the air, and the plight of refugees when the enemy is at the gate.

LATVIA SUBMITS "REQUEST"

Moscow Radio stated yesterday that a request for the incorporation of Latvia in the Soviet Union was made by M. Kirichenstein, acting President of Latvia, at yesterday's session of the Supreme Soviet at the Kremlin.—Reuter. Latvia's plea for incorporation in the Soviet Union was accepted unanimously by the Supreme Soviet at Monday's session.—Reuter.

GERMAN PLANES INFERIOR

A timely antidote to the gloomy predictions of those American commentators who have practically interred the British Empire was provided by Major Alexander Seversky, the famous aircraft designer.

In a broadcast talk he gave his reasons for believing that Hitler will fail to conquer Britain.

"We all know that numerically Germany possesses the greatest air force in the world to-day," he stated, "but over the British Isles proper the British have the advantage over the Germans due to the superior performance of their pursuit planes."

"The German bombers avoid meeting Britain's fighters in open daylight combat because, through experience, they know that their losses would be terrific."

"What is more, such British defensive superiority will continue until Hitler's planes are able to engage British defensive aviation on equal or superior terms, which certainly will not be for some months, perhaps not until next spring."

"Germany must first produce a lot of new types of long-range pursuit planes, and that is not done overnight."

"As long as this defensive supremacy holds good Britain cannot be blockaded by Germany."

STRIKE THE WIN

"But, of course, defensive tactics in themselves cannot win wars. Britain will win out only if she can strike Germany at its heart by destroying its industrial and production facilities and air bases. To do that Britain must develop a new air strategy carried out by entirely new types of aircraft."

"The American contribution to the British side of the duel is vital. Our American aviation may easily help to sway the balance between victory and defeat."

FRENCH POSTAL SUSPENSION

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
The French Ministry of Communications and Transport announced in Vichy yesterday that postal relations between the occupied zone in France and the unoccupied zone, French colonies and the outside world, have been suspended by the German High Command.

Meanwhile the first train to resume the service through the tunnel linking France with Italy, arrived at Modane from Italy at 11.15 yesterday morning. Traffic on the line had been suspended since the first days of June.—Havas.

MERCHANT SHIPS NOT AFFECTED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
Semi-official circles in Vichy yesterday explained the decision of the Madagascar government to extend territorial waters to 20 miles instead of three miles applies only to warships and does not concern merchantmen.—Havas.

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PLANES TO BE FLOWN TO BRITAIN

The organisation of an aviation unit in Montreal to fly bombing planes from Canada to Britain was announced yesterday by Captains Bennett and Willcockson.

They are now en route to California from Canada for liaison with aircraft plants. They declare that they want only Canadian pilots owing to the American neutrality laws. — Reuter.

AMERICANS BEGIN MANOEUVRES

Upwards of 100,000 regular troops, National Guardsmen and organised reservists have begun the greatest peace-time manoeuvres in the United States in

MILITARY GOVERNOR LANDS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES

DRESSED IN CIVILIAN clothes, Hong Kong's new Acting-Governor, Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., arrived in the Colony from Singapore at 9.45 a.m. this morning in a passenger liner which was escorted into the harbour by a destroyer and motor torpedo-boat.

Immediately after the ship had anchored in midstream opposite Queen's Pier, Commander G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, accompanied by Captain S. H. Batty Smith, proceeded in the Governor's launch from Queen's Pier to meet General Norton, and escorted him to the informal reception on Queen's Pier.

On arrival at the Pier, the new Acting-Governor was met by Mr. N. L. Smith, Officer Administering the Government, and introduced to the heads of the Armed Forces and Civilian Defence Services, members of the

Judicial Body and the Executive and Legislative Councils, and the Consular Body, the members of which were introduced by Mr. Addison Southard, the American Consul-General.

Oath Of Office

After this ceremony, the Acting-Governor inspected a Guard of Honour from the Royal Scots, and then left for Government House, accompanied by Mr. N. L. Smith and Captain Batty Smith.

Shortly after 11 a.m., Lieutenant-General Norton took the oath of office in the Council Chamber.

RUSSO-U.S. TRADE ACCORD

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE SUMNER WELLES A FEW HOURS AGO ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON THAT THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW RUSSO-AMERICAN TRADE AGREEMENT, TO REPLACE THAT WHICH EXPIRES TODAY, WILL PROBABLY SOON BE COMPLETED.

He told interviewers that he understood an agreement to be in the offing, though not actually reached.

Whether the agreement will merely extend the existing one, under which the Soviet agreed to purchase U.S.\$40,000,000 of goods annually was not disclosed.

Mr. Welles said that details must await the actual signing, when they would be simultaneously announced. — Reuter.

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"Our Gracie" will be putting on a special radio broadcast this evening, it was announced from Daventry last night.

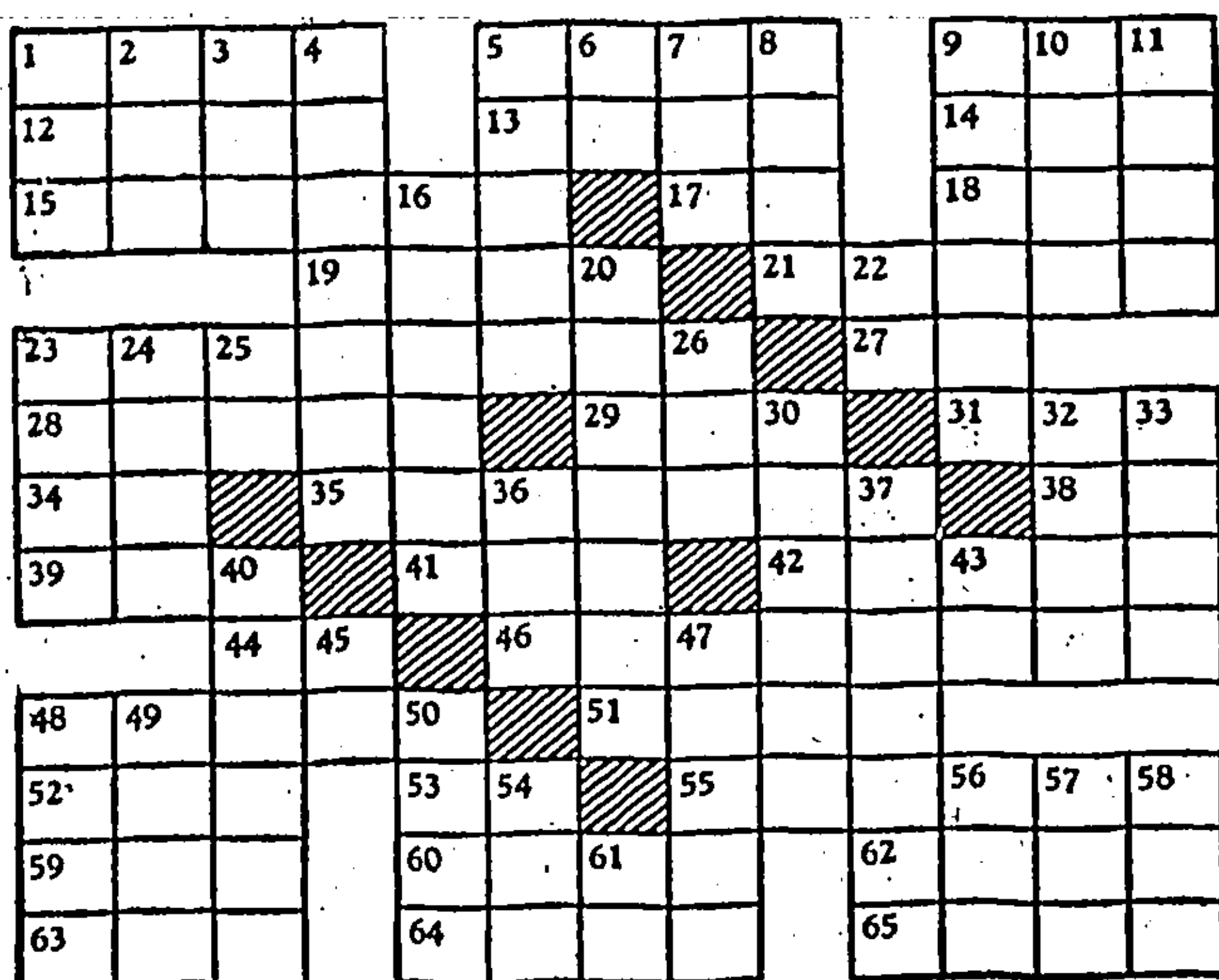
Miss Fields will be accompanied by Miss Anna Neigel, Mr. Reginald Gardiner and Sir Cedric Hardwicke.

The programme will be beamed from Vancouver by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and re-broadcast by the B.B.C. from 2.30 to 3 p.m. G.M.T. (10.30 to 11 p.m. Hong Kong Time). — Reuter.

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- 18 To fasten
- 19 Irish foot-soldier
- 21 Plunders
- 23 Insects' feelers
- 27 Bone
- 29 Whiskers
- 29 Chinese pagoda
- 31 High note
- 34 Babylonian deity
- 35 Brazilian rubber tree
- 38 Periodic windstorm
- 39 To attempt
- 41 Music: duet
- 42 Mine entrances
- 44 Prefix: good
- 46 Belonging to the art of dialing
- 48 Scarcely enough

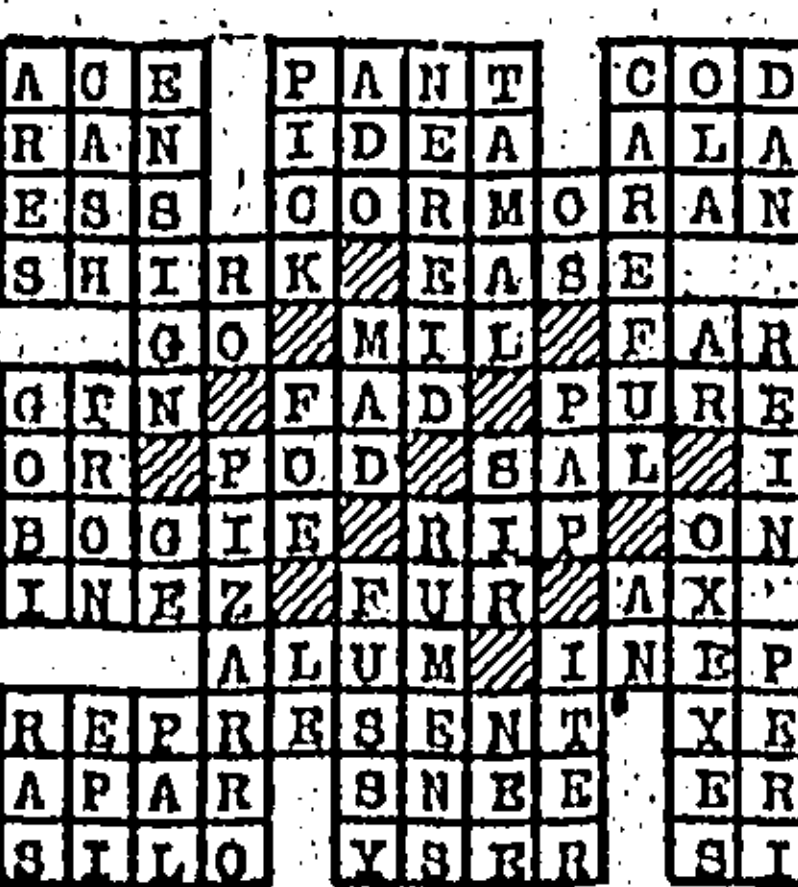
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- 9 Rest

10 To prepare for publication

- 11 Lairs
- 16 Watched over
- 20 Independencies
- 22 Hawaiian bird
- 23 To assist
- 24 To approximate
- 25 Symbol for tantalum
- 26 To bring forth
- 30 Tropical lizards
- 32 French writer
- 33 Norse galley
- 36 Carpet
- 37 Worshipers
- 40 Longs!
- 43 Preposition
- 45 Prefix: not
- 47 Web-footed carnivore
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- 58 To bring forth
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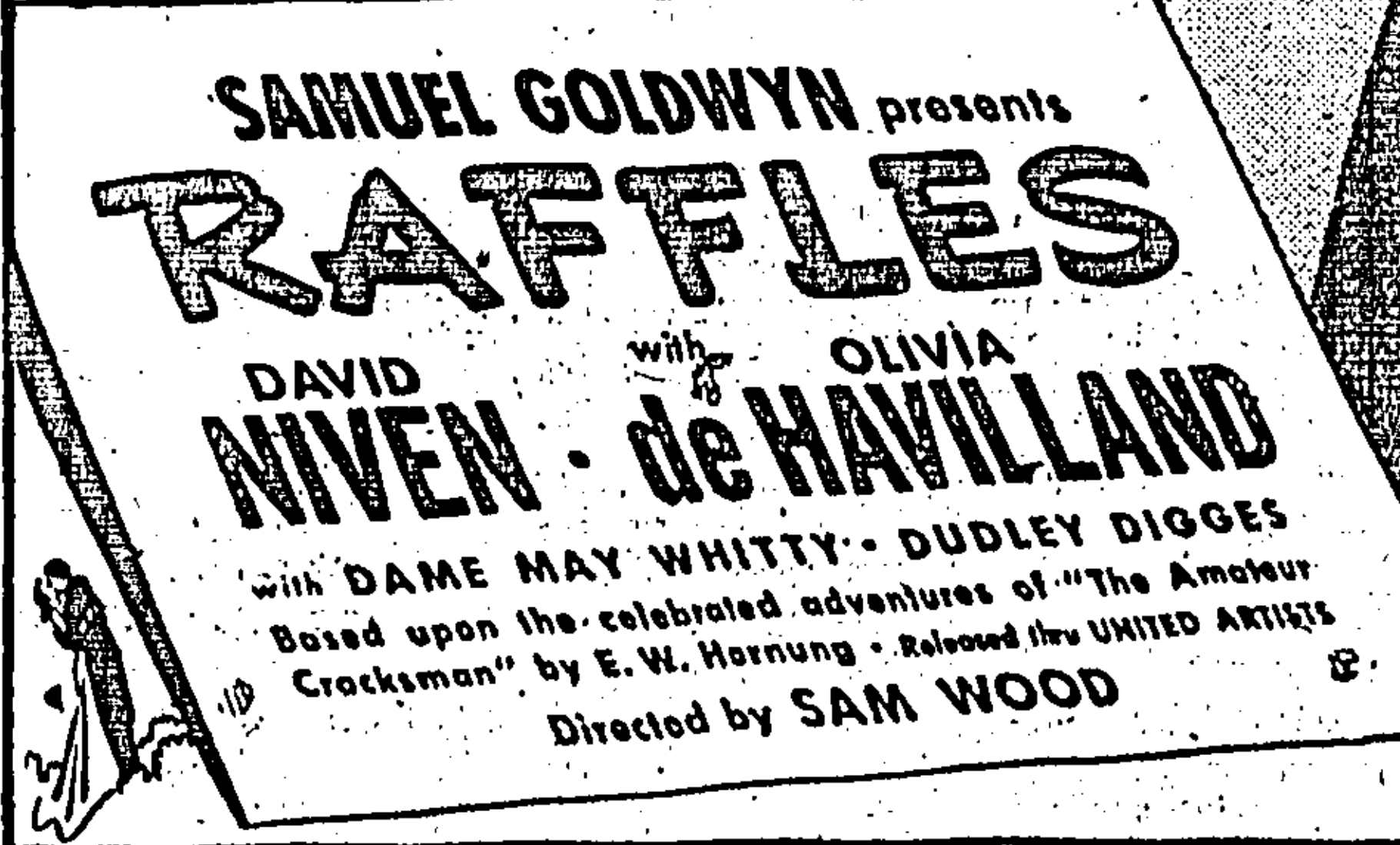
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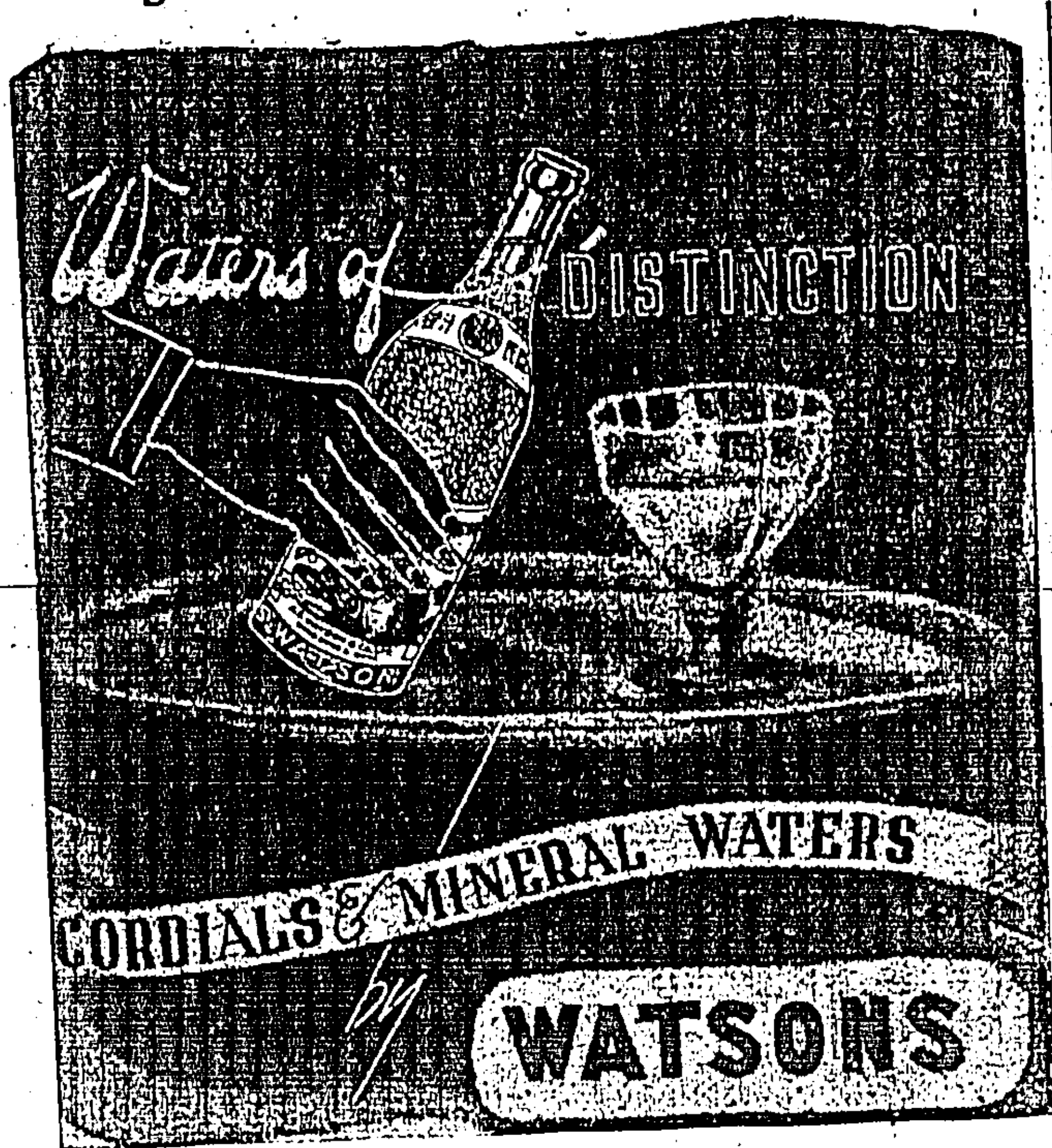
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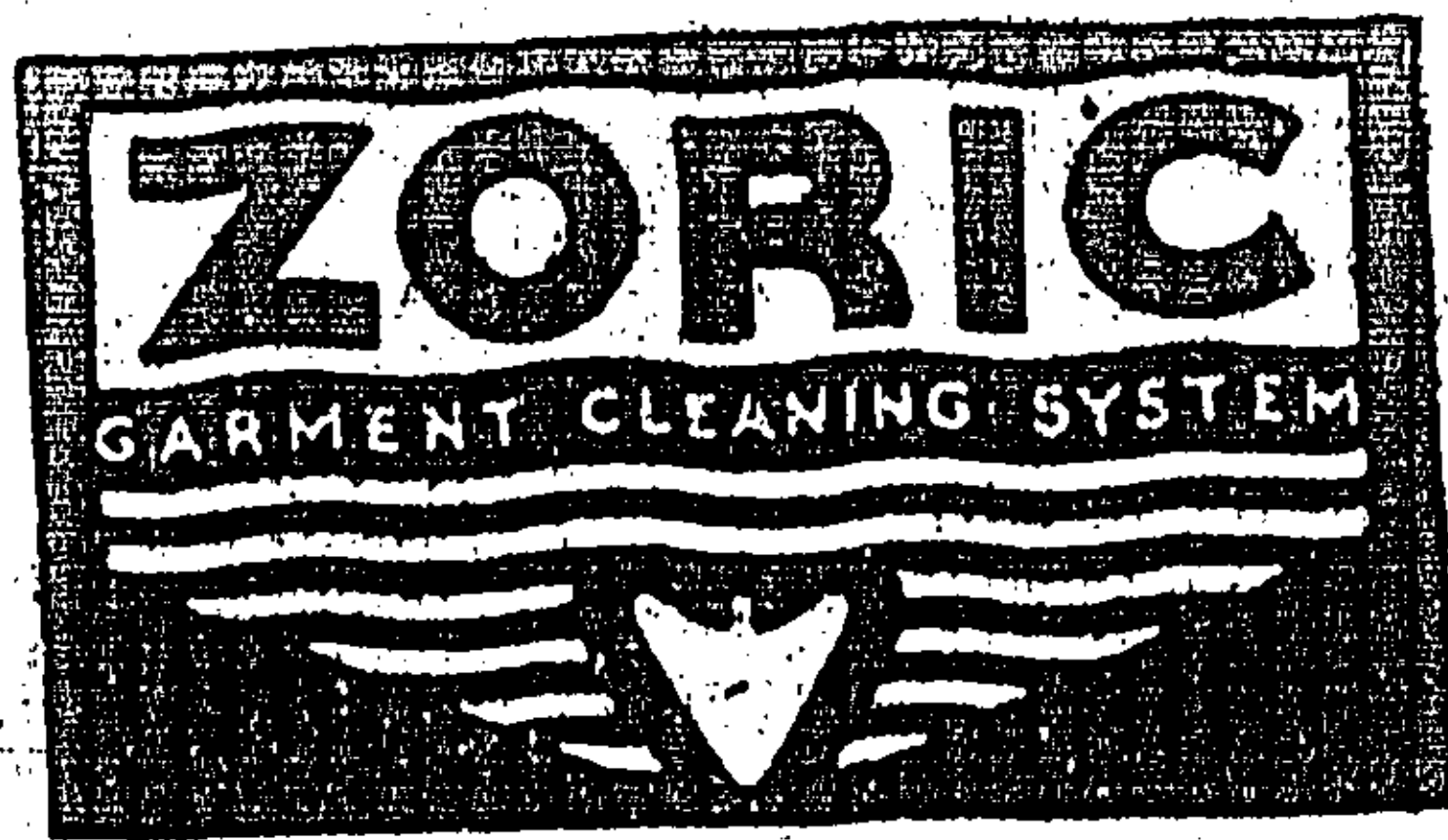
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GERMAN FLIERS BEING TRAINED FOR BIGGER OPERATIONS

IN THEIR HARASSING NIGHT ATTACKS DURING THE PAST SEVEN WEEKS THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYING ANYTHING FROM 50 TO 100 AIRCRAFT OVER WIDELY DIVERSE OBJECTIVES.

These operations do not therefore amount to serious attacks by the German air force and they are not so regarded by the R.A.F.

A high authority stated in London yesterday that in his view Marshal Goering was speaking quite fairly when he said recently that his airmen had as yet done little more than conduct aerial reconnaissances over England.

These operations made small demand upon his available bomber resources and the conclusion to be drawn is that he is still engaged in bringing his air force up to front line strength and is training his crews for bigger operations.

When the German air force launches its attack in force it will be carried out by aircraft not fifty or a hundred strong but in several hundreds at a time.

There is little doubt in air circles in London that the Germans are preparing patiently and with characteristic thoroughness what they hope will be the decisive use of the air arm but it is probable that they are not yet quite ready.

New Planes

At the same time it is known that both Germany and Britain are going forward with new types of machines in an effort to establish superiority.

With regard to the use to be made of night or daylight operations there is no doubt that the Germans held the view earlier in the war that daylight operations were necessary to obtain really valuable results in bombing objectives.

The superior results achieved by British airmen in night raids over Germany may be attributed to the very much superior training in point to point navigation by map and more practice in night flying.

At the same time there is no doubt that the black-out has contributed largely to British immunity and small casualties.

On the other side of the balance sheet, however, must be reckoned the fact that neither the Germans nor the British have yet solved fully the problem of night interception of aircraft.

In any night raid a number of aeroplanes are sure to get through the defences although the British have been more successful in preventing the enemy reaching his objectives than he has been in countering British attacks.

Apart from problems of air tactics which may be employed when the future air conflict is considered, it should be realised that British fighter strength recently has very substantially increased and is still being increased.

Britain has more reserves and more experienced pilots than ever before, while British production resources are increasing by leaps and bounds while Germany's have probably reached the peak.

German pilots, however, must be regarded as worthy representatives of their service. Average age of German pilots and crews recently captured is 25 years and as far as evidence goes, losses have produced no noticeable deterioration in morale.—British Wireless.

INCREASE IN OLD AGE PENSIONS

A quarter of a million old-age pensioners yesterday received increases. In many cases, they are getting 9/6 more than they used to get.

There has been no neglect of social services in Britain, despite the war load.—Reuter.

CAPETOWN GIFTS TO NAVY LEAGUE

The Navy League has just received £1,630 from Capetown for deserving cases resulting from the Dunkirk and Narvik operations. The money was raised by street-collectors and will be distributed among four appropriate charities.

The Navy League has also received £5 from Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, from "a few admirers of the work of the men of the Royal Navy."

The money will be added to the fund for immediate relief of distressed dependents.

A "Fighter Plane" fund started by a Jerusalem newspaper a fortnight ago has already reached a total of £10,000.—Reuter.

POTTER OVER SOME BULBS

Evidence has reached London that agents of bulb-growers in the Netherlands are on their way to the United States to try and convince American buyers that their order for 100,000,000 bulbs will be shipped and that deliveries will be made in the near future.

It is believed that they are acting on orders under German pressure.

The false information about shipments being effected is believed to have caused American buyers who might otherwise have come to Britain to hold back.

The Board of Trade warned American buyers some time ago that supplies of British bulbs being held for export would be released for sale unless orders came in soon.

The Board announces the bulbs will be released for sale on Wednesday.

A Board official said yesterday that the information given by the Dutch agents has apparently misled American importers, who have now missed the market.—Reuter.

BALKANS ORDERED TO HAVE FAITH

Apparently worried lest the peoples of the Balkan countries should doubt a German victory, the German newspaper "Buchar-est Tageblatt" says that nations which recently joined the Axis must maintain confidence in German strength and prevent any discouragement and they want to give proof of their new line of policy.—Reuter.

THE COUSINS--ONE BRITISH, ONE'S FATHER A GERMAN

HOWARD DUDLEY STONE, now nineteen, son of a company director, had as a childhood companion his cousin, Leslie Wilkesman. Leslie's father is a German and lives in Germany. Howard, developing a great hatred of Germany, asked his father, one day recently, "Why did you let me be brought up with a German Boy?"

That was the story told by Mr. Harold Henry Stone, the father, at Ealing Police Court, W., when his son was accused of murdering Leslie Wilkesman.

Mr. Stone said his boy had been terribly depressed by the war. He had been strange in his manner, and more than once had threatened to commit suicide. It was when they were talking about Nazi atrocities that his son "blazed up" and asked why he had been brought up with a German.

ALMOST BROTHERS

Howard Stone lived with his father in Hamilton Road, Ealing. Leslie Wilkesman, who was eighteen, lived in Western Gardens, Ealing.

They were brought up almost as brothers, said Mr. Vincent Evans, prosecuting. Howard called his cousin "Bunty." On June 7, while "Bunty" was

talking to two people in Western Gardens, Howard approached with a gun. There was a report, and "Bunty" fell to the ground. Next day Howard gave himself up to the police.

A note addressed to Wilkesman was found on him, said Mr. Evans. It said: "Before, another twenty-four hours have elapsed you will die. I am no traitor to the country. I love—Howard."

In a statement to the police Howard was alleged to have said: "I was very anxious about the war. I felt the Germans are such devilish psychologists. I felt that 'Bunty' was turning against my family. I decided to kill him."

Mr. Stone was asked to identify two letters. He said they were in his son's handwriting. One said: "Possibly you wonder how I got like this. I was brought up with a German boy. Never weaken before the Germans."

Howard was remanded with a

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H.K.'S PART IN THE WAR

One of the most thrilling things about this war — and there are thrilling episodes galore — is the spontaneous donation of money and of gifts in kind to the British Empire in the battle against aggression.

Germany at one time fully expected that not only the Dominions, but all parts of the Empire would seize any conflict in which Britain was involved as an excuse to break away. The Dominions are, of course, free and their whole-hearted support of the mother country must have come as a most unwelcome surprise to German rulers. The Colonies, mandated territories and other possessions, voluntarily offered to help and, to-day, after eleven months of war, gifts of every kind are still pouring in. The downfall of France led the Empire as a whole to still greater effort, so that various ministries in London are now in a position to add considerably to their supplies by reason of these generous gifts.

Success brings success and the marvellous exploits of the R.A.F., earning the grateful recognition of the Empire, has become the popular focus on which the greater number of these gifts are being centred. Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, announced last week that he had on hand a sum totalling £2,000,000 which had been donated by citizens and earmarked for aeroplanes of different kinds.

Some gifts are addressed to the Red Cross, which has now several million pounds at its disposal. It is in this latter category that Hong Kong is well represented, although the financial donations sent home for general war purposes are equally fine.

The B.W.O.F. or British War Organisation Fund, which was started in Hong Kong soon after the outbreak of war, has been steadily piling up quantities of hospital supplies as well as knitted garments for the soldiers.

In fact up to this time the sum of H.K.\$575,886 has been subscribed to the Fund.

The B.W.O.F. was well organised and very soon after its inception thirteen centres were opened under the leadership of various ladies, to which others desiring to help, could come and work, receive work for work at home or hand it over when finished. These centres were scattered as widely as possible throughout the Colony. The knitting and sewing centres included the Military Welfare Centre as well as centres at Stanley, Quarry Bay, Busy Bees, Police, Methodist Ladies' Society, U.S.R.C., Club de Recreio, Y.M.C.A., Chinese Customs, American Club, Kowloon Dock and the Dockyard.

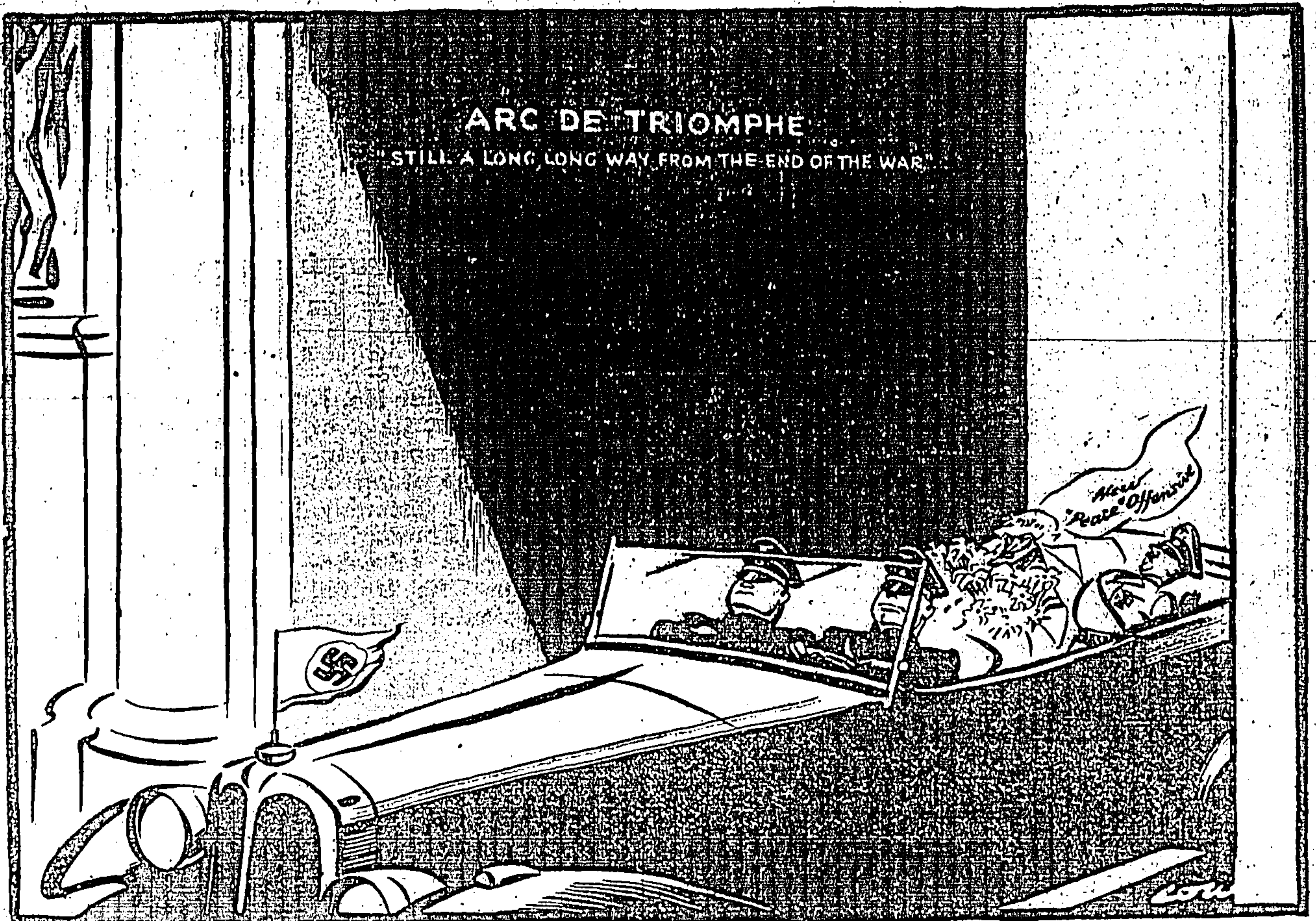
Five Serving Centres were formed at Government House, Union Church Guild, Peak, Helena May and Chinese Y.W.C.A., while four other knitting centres were formed under the leadership of various ladies.

The B.W.O.F. represents hard work and though it is impossible to give names — there are too many — one can but applaud the Entertainment Committee which has netted \$16,000. This same indefatigable Committee recently started an "Ambulance Fund," in aid of which the sum of \$2,300 has been collected. The Publicity Committee brought in a profit of \$2,400 which is excellent work as usually publicity work means the "giving out," not the "taking in" of money.

The evacuation of a large percentage of workers has meant a distinct decrease in the number of articles turned in, but nevertheless the work is so well organised — who said woman cannot organise? — that the work almost automatically churns itself into knitted garments and bandages!

So much for the B.W.O.F. Hong Kong has helped in other ways. For instance, the Government sent home £200,000 towards the war and the "S. C. M. Post," giving an opening to the desire of Hong Kong citizens to have a direct share in helping the general fund, opened a subscription list which, in a very few days, amounted to \$1,200,000.

If the war continues for many more months, it will be necessary for those countries comprising the British Empire to redouble their efforts, but in the mean time, the work in Hong Kong, in spite of evacuation and all that, continues in steady tempo.



HERE COMES THE BRIDE (Copyright in All Countries.)

One Gun That Saved An Army

I have been reading the histories of V.C.'s, and am struck by the way that so many individual feats which have won the rarest distinction seem to summarise a whole campaign, though they fill only a minute or two (and an imagined eternity) in weeks of fighting.

Thus the first V.C.'s of the last war, three given to a captain, a sergeant-major, and a sergeant of the L Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery, because, on a misty September morning, with one 13 pounder gun in an apple orchard they held back the 4th Division of German Cavalry, typifies in little the whole story of the retreat from Mons and most of the 1914 campaign.

It happened on September 1, the day which turns out in retrospect to have been the most critical in 1914 and, perhaps, in the whole war.

All the Allied Armies were retreating. The French 5th Army, under General Lanrezac, was alongside the B.E.F., and, perhaps, the hardest pressed.

"During the whole of September 1," writes General Spears, who was its liaison officer, "the men of the 5th Army stumbled back ever more slowly under immensely difficult conditions. They looked like ghosts in Hades expiating by their fearful march the sins of the world."

"Heads down, red trousers and blue coats indistinguishable for dust, bumping into transport, into abandoned carts, into each other, they shuffled down the endless roads, their eyes filled with dust dimmed the scalding landscape, so that they saw clearly only the foreground of discarded packs, prostrate men, and an occasional abandoned gun."

On the previous day Sir John French had wired to the Cabinet in London that he could no longer co-operate with the French Army. He had only once talked with Lanrezac, his French partner in the line.

Sir John knew little French, Lanrezac no English. For secrecy, they met in private, without Chiefs of Staff or interpreters. They reached misunderstanding to the degree that they never spoke to each other again.

On August 31, Joffre had invited Sir John French to help fill the perilous gap in the French line between the 5th and 6th Armies. The British Commander refused. He wired the Cabinet: "If the French go on with their present tactics, which are practically to fall back right and left of me, usually without notice, and to abandon all

idea of offensive operations, then the gap in the French line will remain, and the consequences must be borne by them."

That night Kitchener set off for the front line to talk Sir John into co-operation.

Joffre wired Sir John to send cavalry to intercept the German cavalry crossing the Oise at Bailly. Sir John answered, "The French Cavalry Corps now in the neighbourhood of Compiègne are much nearer the Germans than any troops of mine."

The French Cavalry Corps were in fact, fifty miles away. But the 1st Brigade of British Cavalry, with 2,000 men, six machine-guns, and the L Battery of the R.H.A., with its six 13-

officers coming out of Headquarters saw at the other end of the main street "a mob of galloping, maddened horses."

It was plain, says a later account, that "the gunfire had stampeded the horses of the Bays. At the same time a high explosive shell burst among the surging mass of the animals." They galloped wildly out to the open country in a flood that carried all before it.

It was, perhaps, the last battle of its kind in military history, the old-style battle such as Kipling's hero of "The Light that Failed" would have drawn with spirit. A confusion of men and stampeding horses, shells so few that you could count the individual shell-bursts, machine-guns not coming into the battle till near the end, range 400 yards.

In the apple orchard, Captain E. K. Bradbury leapt to his feet, crying, "Come on. Who's for the guns?"

Captain Bradbury was the officer 1914 style, famous for his hunting feats in Ireland, "where he went out as often as he could get a mount, which was generally six days a week, since everybody was glad to mount him." He won the officers' race at Punchestown once with a horse of his own called "Sloppy Weather." And now the hard-riding Captain was to win his fame and his death in, perhaps, the last important cavalry battle fought by the British Army.

The battery could only get three guns unlimbered in the orchard. They had hardly opened fire before one gun was knocked out by a direct hit. Two or three rounds were fired, and all the crew of No. 2 gun were casualties.

One gun was left. It was served by Captain Bradbury, Lieutenants Campbell and Mundy, Battery-Sergeant-Major Dorrell, Sergeant Nelson, Gunner Darbyshire, and Driver Osborn.

The limbers were twenty yards away. The space between them and the guns was raked by the twelve guns of two German batteries, firing from the ridge with the sun behind them.

Gunner Darbyshire and Driver Osborn had the job of bringing the shells across that shell-swept zone.

The solitary gun bore a charming life. Captain Bradbury had his leg shot off, propped himself

up, and went on directing the shoot.

Soon all the crew were killed except Bradbury, Dorrell, and Nelson. They went on firing.

Two machine-guns had been got into action up the street. Under cover of the houses the 11th Hussars opened fire with their rifles.

In the apple orchard the one gun of the L Battery, surrounded by dead men, kept up its fire, sporadically now, but with bitter determination. Captain Bradbury was hit again, this time mortally. There now remained only Dorrell and Nelson. With these two to serve it, the gun fired its last rounds and was silent. This "absurd and unequal duel" was over.

But it had done its job. The Germans were in doubt how great a force was in the village below them. The September mist covered the stampede. The battle had lasted little over an hour when the 4th Cavalry Brigade arrived unexpectedly from the direction of Compiègne. The tables were turned. The Germans retreated, abandoning eight field guns and a Maxim gun. The 11th Hussars went in pursuit, and brought back 50 prisoners.

It has been discovered since to what degree this little action disconcerted the Germans, who thought they were dealing with an exhausted force. The battle of Nery put the German 4th Cavalry Division out of joint. "Had Von Kluck been opposed less stoutly it is doubtful if the 5th Army could have escaped," General Spears has written.

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Battery-Sergeant-Major G. T. Dorrell and Sergeant David Nelson were awarded the V.C. on November 10. They were typical "Old Contemptibles." Dorrell had been in the R.H.A. since 1895, and had fought in Africa. Nelson, who came from Ireland, had joined ten years before. Both were given commissions, and attained high rank before 1918. Captain Bradbury was awarded a posthumous V.C. a fortnight later.

Yesterday I was looking at their gun in the Imperial War Museum, examining the dented shield, the broken spokes of its wheels, part of its very muzzle blown away.

I said to myself, it's no new story. This one gun and these few men, with the obstinate bravery the common man sometimes has to rise to, staved off for the moment the defeat that had been prepared by the confusion and misunderstanding and stupidities of the great ones at headquarters. I suspect this is one of the functions of bravery.

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G-MAN ON THE WORK OF NAZI SABOTEURS

America's G-Man No. 1, J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, speaking in Washington yesterday, said that the Bureau had discovered acts of sabotage against the United States' national defence programme.

The saboteurs, he declared, had put emery dust in aeroplane engines and destructive metal in the motive power of naval vessels.

The placing of chemicals in boilers in order to cause wholesale destruction had also been discovered.

Subversive agents, he declared, actually conducted schools for teaching "the most terrible means of creating destruction."

Hoover recommended that every city in the United States should survey its utility undertakings to ensure the maximum protection because "the demoralisation of cities by means of water famine has already been used by totalitarian saboteurs."—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT CALL FOR UNITY

President Roosevelt made a call for unity between the Federal and State Governments in strengthening national defence and uncovering subversive activities, in a message yesterday addressed to the Federal-State Conference on law enforcement problems.

The meeting is designed to promote closer co-operation in guarding against spies, saboteurs and Fifth Columnists.

President Roosevelt says: "We must be vigilant, always on our guard and swift to act but we must also be wise and cool-headed and not express our activities in the cruel stupidities of the vigilante which is where the Fifth Column forms the line."

Vigilante, or vigilance societies in America include persons who practice lynch law and compulsory improvement of public morals by warnings followed by corporal and other punishment.—Reuter.

NEW LEGISLATION PROPOSED

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS STRIKING A NEW BLOW AT FIFTH COLUMNISTS.

In a message to a meeting of Governors, he said that he was conferring with the Attorney-General and the chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation about this work in the U.S.A.

He suggested that Federal and State Governments should pass legislation for dealing with subversive activities, seditious acts and all those activities slowing up and breaking down the defence programme.—Reuter.

IN DEFENCE OF THE OLD SCHOOL TIE

"There is a lot of nonsense talked about the Old School Tie," said Lord Derby.

"But," he added, "it is something which does combine a past memory with the present, and the more you keep esprit de corps the more you become the united race that this race has got to become."

THESE WILL NOT BE WORN

It is understood that the King expects that British citizens will no longer wear decorations awarded by the King of Italy, although he will not formally prohibit the wearing of them.

The King has no Italian decorations.

The Duke of Connaught, in addition to the Military Order of Savoy, held the highest honour which Italy awards—the Annunziata, which entitles the holder to address the King of Italy as "cousin."

This has also been awarded to the Duke of Windsor.

Some medals have already been returned to the King of Italy, including the insignia of a Commander of the Crown of Italy, sent back by Mr. William Guggenheim, the American industrialist. It was awarded to him twenty years ago.

Another insignia of the Crown of Italy has been burned. It belonged to Group Captain A. C. Winter, a retired officer of the R.A.F.

GOVERNMENT DISOWNS WOMEN'S ORGANISATION

"The Women's Auxiliary Service is an unofficial body which has no connection with any Government service," Mr. Peake, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Home Department, stated in the House of Commons.

Mr. G. Hall said he asked the Government to take control of the organisation because it was run by Miss Mary Allen, who masqueraded in semi-masculine attire and was a well-known Fascist.

Mr. Peake: "She has not escaped the notice of the authorities, and that is the reason for the answer I have given."

CONSCRIPTION BILL TO GO TO SENATE

The Senate Military Committee, meeting in Washington yesterday, decided by 12 votes to three to send the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill to the Senate.

The aim of the bill is to register 42,000,000 between the ages of 18 and 64, with actual military training for a million and a half men in the first year.—Reuter.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OF THE EVACUATION

The evacuation has entailed a great deal of financial hardship on many members of the community, says St. John's Review.

Milliner shops have had to sell their stock at a great sacrifice and then close down, in fact all those trades people who catered for the needs of European women and children have suffered a severe setback.

Then many "boys" and "amahs" are without employment, as a result of the exodus. The Dairy Farm must have a considerable surplus of milk each day now. Shares have depreciated considerably in market value.

All these things of course are incidental to the war in Europe, and to the threat to Hong Kong. As the situation in Europe improves for Britain so there will be a response in this part of the world too.

Hong Kong has never been one of those calm placid parts of the Empire, where nothing happened. Its economic and social conditions have been rather like the ordinary climate with its high temperatures, typhoons, disastrous rain storms, and some pleasing sunny cool days that make us forget our past troubles.

Some say that Hong Kong, like Punch, is not so good as it used to be. It never was. We are inclined to think, however, that the present generation in Hong Kong has had more than its due share of disappointment, hardship and upheavals.

NAVY WRECK PORT IN 90 MINUTES

A THRILLING NARRATIVE of how St. Malo, on the Brittany coast, after the last of the British troops had been evacuated, was demolished into utter uselessness by the Navy, co-operating with the French authorities, was told by a yacht owner who arrived at Brixham, Devon, from Jersey.

He is Mr. Le Marquand, owner of the auxiliary yacht Klang II. "On June 8 the Germans were fast approaching St. Malo, and as the troops left the locks and docks were cleared of shipping," he said.

"At 2 p.m. the British naval officer in charge of the demolition fired his first charge—and an hour and a half later the last one."

"He was amazingly cool. He took no risks with his ratings, and stood alone, refusing to take cover, with the debris dropping all around him."

"He seemed to possess a charmed life, and under the cool leadership of the commander the discipline of the men was perfect."

PETROL FIRED

"The Navy did its work thoroughly and rendered St. Malo harbour useless to the enemy. Millions of gallons of petrol were destroyed. When my yacht left St. Malo the harbour was one mass of fierce fire and thick black smoke."

MITSUBISHI IN LONDON RELEASED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SATORU MAKIHARA, one of the two Japanese business men arrested in London on Friday, was released from Brixton Prison last night. He has returned to his home in London.

Earlier in the day, a spokesman of the Japanese Embassy had declared that the explanation of the arrests given to the Japanese Ambassador by Lord Halifax were considered by the Japanese Government to be unsatisfactory.

ST. JOAN'S FLAG FOR FREE FRANCE

The red cross of Lorraine, which was the emblem carried by Joan of Arc, has been adopted by General de Gaulle, leader of Free France, as the emblem for his forces in addition to the French flag.

Vice-Admiral Muselier who commands the free French navy and air force, has ordered warships under his command to fly the tricolour at the stern and the cross of Lorraine at the bows.

French aircraft, in addition to the French markings, will have a blue ring containing the cross of Lorraine in the centre. One reason why this cross was selected is the strong German efforts to germanise Lorraine.—Reuter.

FRANCO'S DEBT TO ITALY

THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN IN MADRID YESTERDAY SAID THAT SPAIN'S DEBT TO ITALY AS RESULT OF THE CIVIL WAR HAS BEEN CONSOLIDATED AT 5,000,000,000 LIRA UNDER THE AGREEMENT DATED MAY 8, 1940.

The debt will be paid over a period of 25 years beginning on December 31, 1940.

It is stated that German supplies during the Civil War were largely paid by exports of Spanish products.

The outstanding balance will be the subject of negotiations to determine the amount and methods but the debt to Germany is stated to be considerably less than that to Italy.

From the outbreak of the Civil War to the end of 1939, Spain had a deficiency of expenditure over revenue of nearly £300,000,000.—Reuter.

TOO OLD AT 62, SAYS PETAIN!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A law establishing a new retirement age limit for army and navy officers has been promulgated by the Petain Government. All limits are lowered and retirement becomes compulsory at 62 for the full rank of general and admiral, and 45 for lower commissioned ranks.—Havas.

CHIEF

FREEMASONS BANNED IN YUGOSLAVIA

The Yugoslav Minister of Interior has ordered the Masonic Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia of the 18th District with all its branches to be dissolved. Property of the organisation has been sequestered.—Reuter.

BELGIAN DOCTOR'S HEROISM

The story of a Belgian doctor, Father Vincent de Paul Martin, serving with the Chinese army in the wild Erhungtiaoshan, mountains in southern Shansi, has been brought back to Chungking.

A graduate of Louvain University, this 28-year-old native of Namur engaged in missionary work in Nanchung, Szechuen province, four years ago. He once served in the Belgian army.

In November, 1938 he left for the North-West and in February last year he was officially appointed leader of the medical corps in a Chinese division with which he has remained since.

The Belgian doctor in June last year, during the Japanese drive into the mountains, carried back and saved the lives of 69 wounded Chinese soldiers in one single night.

He is known among the Chinese soldiers as "yang tual chang," or foreign captain. The Belgian Father has already applied formally for Chinese citizenship.—Reuter.

STEAMER HITS MINE AT COPENHAGEN

A heavy mine explosion off the Danish coast is reported by Reuter's Stockholm correspondent on the basis of despatches from the Danish port of Helsingborg.

These despatches report great activity by German minesweepers off the Danish shores of The Sound all day yesterday, following an explosion which damaged a crowded passenger steamer near the entrance to Copenhagen harbour on Sunday.

One person was injured by the explosion.

As a result of the incident, the Copenhagen-Malmö steamship service has been suspended.

It is supposed in Stockholm, says Reuter, that the explosion was due to a mine laid by British aircraft.

HITLER CONFERS WITH HIS CHIEFS

The German Radio announced yesterday that Hitler has returned to Berlin and conferred with Ribbentrop, Goering and General von Brauchitsch.—Reuter.

Nevertheless, added the spokesman, it was still hoped that a happy solution would still be found and that cordial relations would be restored.

It is understood that the case of Mr. Makihara received the careful consideration of the Home Secretary who reached the conclusion that evidence available was insufficient to warrant further detention, and his release accordingly was ordered.—Reuter.

Tokyo Conference

The Foreign Office spokesman in Tokyo has, in the meantime, announced that no decision was reached regarding Japan's attitude towards the arrests by Britain at yesterday's conference of the War Office, Navy and Foreign Office chiefs.

He added that fuller information was awaited.—Reuter.

Commons Statement

It is expected that the situation concerning the Japanese arrests of Britons and the British arrests of Japanese may be sufficiently clarified to enable a statement to be made in the House of Commons this afternoon.

British official circles refuse to say anything, beyond expressing the hope that the problem may be settled amicably.—Havas.

SEVERE CLOUDBURST IN SCOTLAND

IT WAS REVEALED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT A CLOUD BURST, DOING THOUSANDS OF POUNDS DAMAGE, OCCURRED AT CROMARTY, SCOTLAND, ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO.

The cloud-burst lasted for two hours and hardly a house or a street escaped damage.

The hillside burns swept through the streets and houses. Four houses in one street were demolished.

Flowers and vegetables were uprooted and carried down to the sea, to join furniture swept out of the houses.

The manse and church were flooded and seats in the church were under four feet of water.—Reuter.

THE FUNNY SIDE OF PROPAGANDA!

German planes again dropped leaflets—copies of Hitler's Reichstag tirade—over Britain on Sunday night.

A bundle of leaflets dropped in south-east England fell on a country grave-yard, while all those dropped in south-west England fell on a sewage farm.—Reuter.

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THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from 29th JULY to 10th AUGUST (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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Q 10 7 6
K 5 2
A 5
10 4 3 2
K J 9 8 4
N 5 3
9 7
Q J 10 9
W E
A 8
A 3
K Q J 3
K 8 2
J 9 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of diamonds, and South noted that he had to lose a spade and three clubs. Only guile could save him, so South won the first trick with dummy's diamond Ace and drew two rounds of trumps. Next came the diamond King and a diamond ruff in the dummy.

Then he led a low club from the dummy. East properly played low and South played the five of clubs. West hopped on the trick with his eight of clubs, remarking "Cheap enough!" Actually, however, the trick was too cheap.

West next cashed the club Ace and exited with his last diamond. South ruffed the diamond, drew East's last trump, cashed the spade Ace, and led the low spade. West had to let dummy make the spade Queen, on which South discarded his last club.

West could have defeated the contract by taking the Ace instead of the eight of clubs. Then he could have let his partner win two more club tricks.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, held:

A K 9
J 10 6
A J
A Q J 10 7

The bidding:
You Jacoby Schenken Burnstone
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
2NT Pass 3♥ Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. You have already shown your strength so must leave it to partner to suggest slam; and the game seems safest in hearts. Score 100% for four hearts, 40% for four clubs or three no-trump, 10% for five hearts.

QUESTION NO. 481

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

7 3
A Q 9 7 5 2
K 8 5
K 3

The bidding:
Maier Jacoby You Burnstone
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
2NT Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SHOT HIMSELF IN FOOT

Fusilier John Kelly Ward (21), of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, who was charged at a court-martial in London with wilfully injuring himself with intent to render himself unfit for service, has been sentenced to nine months' detention.

In a statement read to the Court Ward declared that he came home on leave from France on March 30, and went to stay with his father in Glasgow. He returned to London and had no money and nowhere to go. "I had been treated badly at home and I had no food," declared Ward. "A funny feeling came over me. I put a round of ammunition in the breach, pointed the rifle down at my left foot, and pulled the trigger."

TOMATOES INSTEAD OF FLOWERS

The lycopersicon esculentum has out-fashioned the hydrangea hortensia. But perhaps I should explain, writes a London correspondent. It is the war emergency measure of the London County Council to produce more general utility plants to the exclusion of those exotic flowers that hitherto have been the pride of every L.C.C. park superintendent. And so the tomato, to give it its better-known name, is gracing the walls and stagings of green-houses in London's parks.

Figures alone tell the story of the parks' mass production of tomatoes, which will be sent to London hospitals and so relieve the market, and, incidentally, probably mean a lower price for those we buy.

There are 100 L. C. C. parks, and many of them are competing to produce the largest crop of tomatoes, and taking an average of 15cwt. a gross "croppage" of about 20 tons is expected to be available.

Altogether there are 10,000 plants under cultivation in the various parks.

OUT FOR RECORDS

Battersea Park gardeners are out to break records set up in the last war, when a similar drive was made. But they have keen rivals in Victoria Park, where the superintendent aspires to produce a ton of tomatoes! He may, but having seen them in Battersea Park, I can say it will be very good going if he does. At Battersea they have 567 tomato plants. Allow an average of 3lb. per plant, and you have 15cwt. of fruit.

The L.C.C. were quick to respond to the "dig for victory" appeal. In addition to instructing their park superintendents to cultivate tomatoes and lettuces, they offered the public 6,500 five-rod plots at 5s. a year, and very soon they were all taken. There



Forehanded Flora says planning ahead may do nothing more than lead you into a blank wall—but the mental exercise certainly does things for your spirits.

are no restrictions, except that the hirers must grow no fruit or perennials.

The farming scheme on grounds adjoining mental hospitals has also been expanded, and an official of the L.C.C. told me that there were large acreages at Horton, Epsom, and in Herefordshire where all kinds of vegetables are grown for the patients and staff.

PORTUGAL HONOURS BRITONS

The names of Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood, Lord Chatfield and Colonel Humphrey are among a list in the Portuguese Official Journal issued in Lisbon yesterday of foreign personalities decorated on the occasion of the Portuguese Centenary. All three accompanied the Duke of Kent on his visit to Lisbon as special Ambassador.—Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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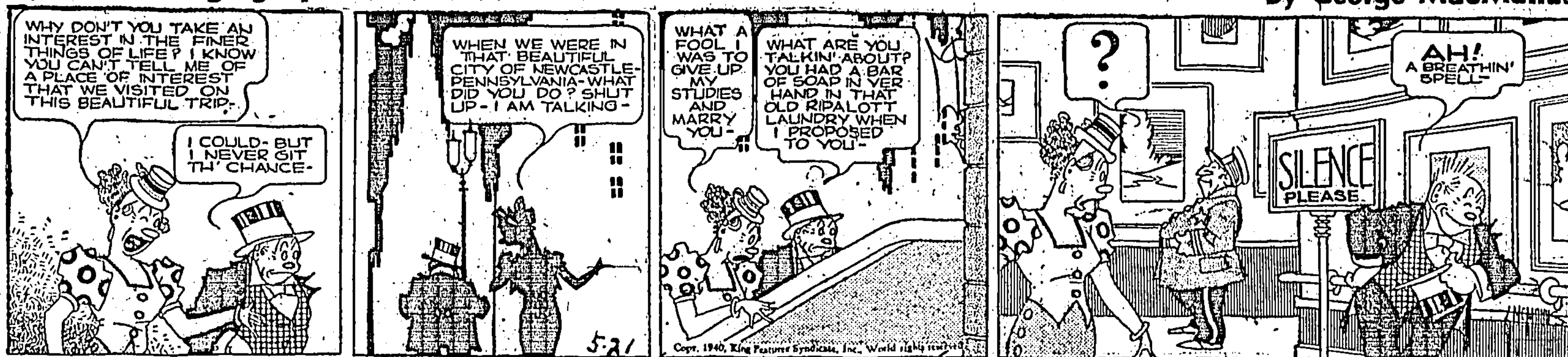
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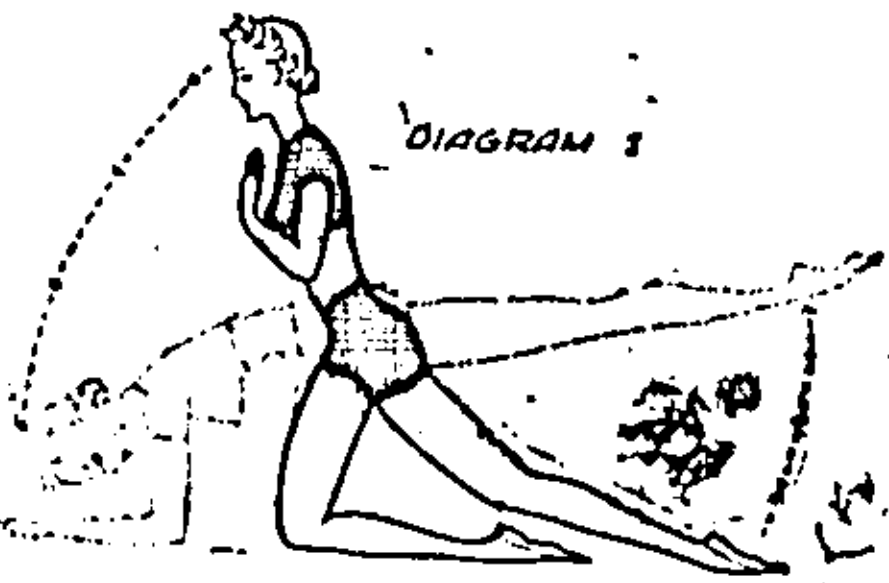
So many women complain of shoulder and back aches that I am repeating a series of movements which not only tend to relieve shoulder and back pain, but if practiced conscientiously may correct the trouble which causes these all too common aches.

Again I quote Neils Bukh, Denmark's foremost physical training instructor whose work is renowned throughout the world.

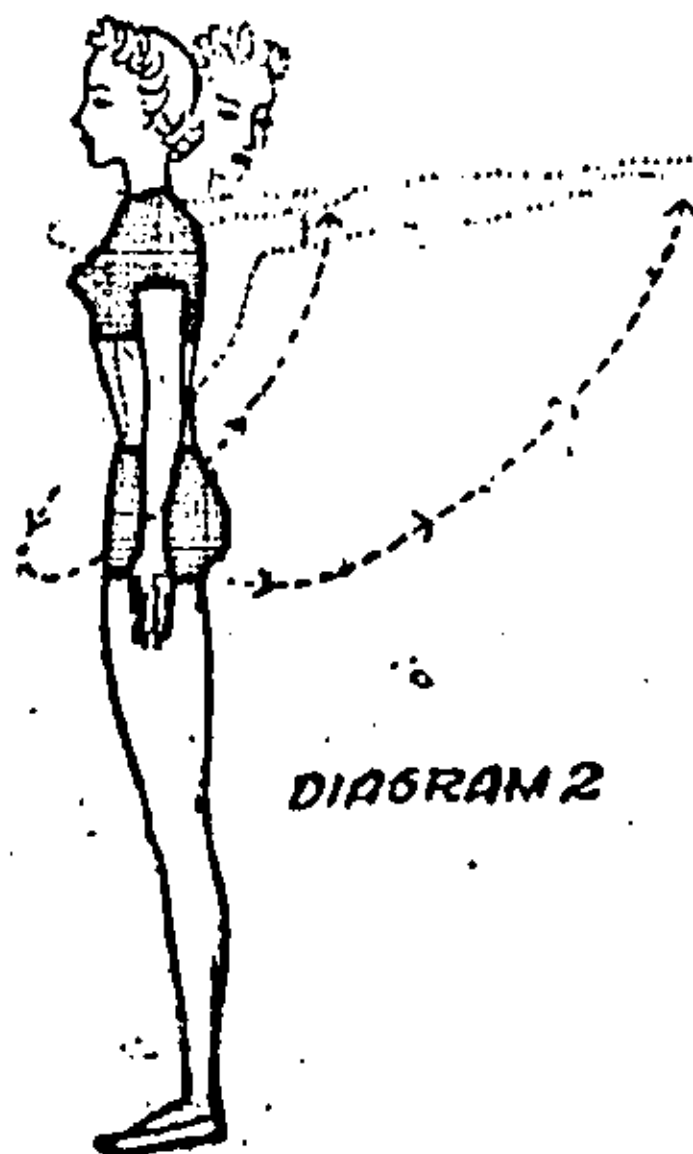
"Shoulder aches, round shoulders, uneven shoulders and sway backs are counteracted by exercises in which the arms are flung, circled, and stretched; the arms are the agents that free the shoulder girdle through a stretching of the chest muscles. In arm flinging, also, the counteraction of the trunk, together with the force of

the movement, is a big factor in overcoming exaggerated convexity of the dorsal spine."

TO CORRECT BACK ACHE



Begin with shrugging shoulders up and back, with arms bent. Shrug well to limber shoulder and upper spine.



How To Treat Oily Scalp At Home

Hair that is oily requires a good corrective tonic which should be bought from one of the specialists interested solely in care of the scalp.

The tonic should be applied to the scalp with absorbent cotton by parting the hair in sections. This is followed with five minutes of finger massage of the scalp, and scientific brushing.

Despite the common belief, oily hair should be brushed daily. But when brushing do not run the bristles over the scalp but start an inch or so from the scalp. Wipe the brush frequently on a clean towel.

HOW TO SHAMPOO

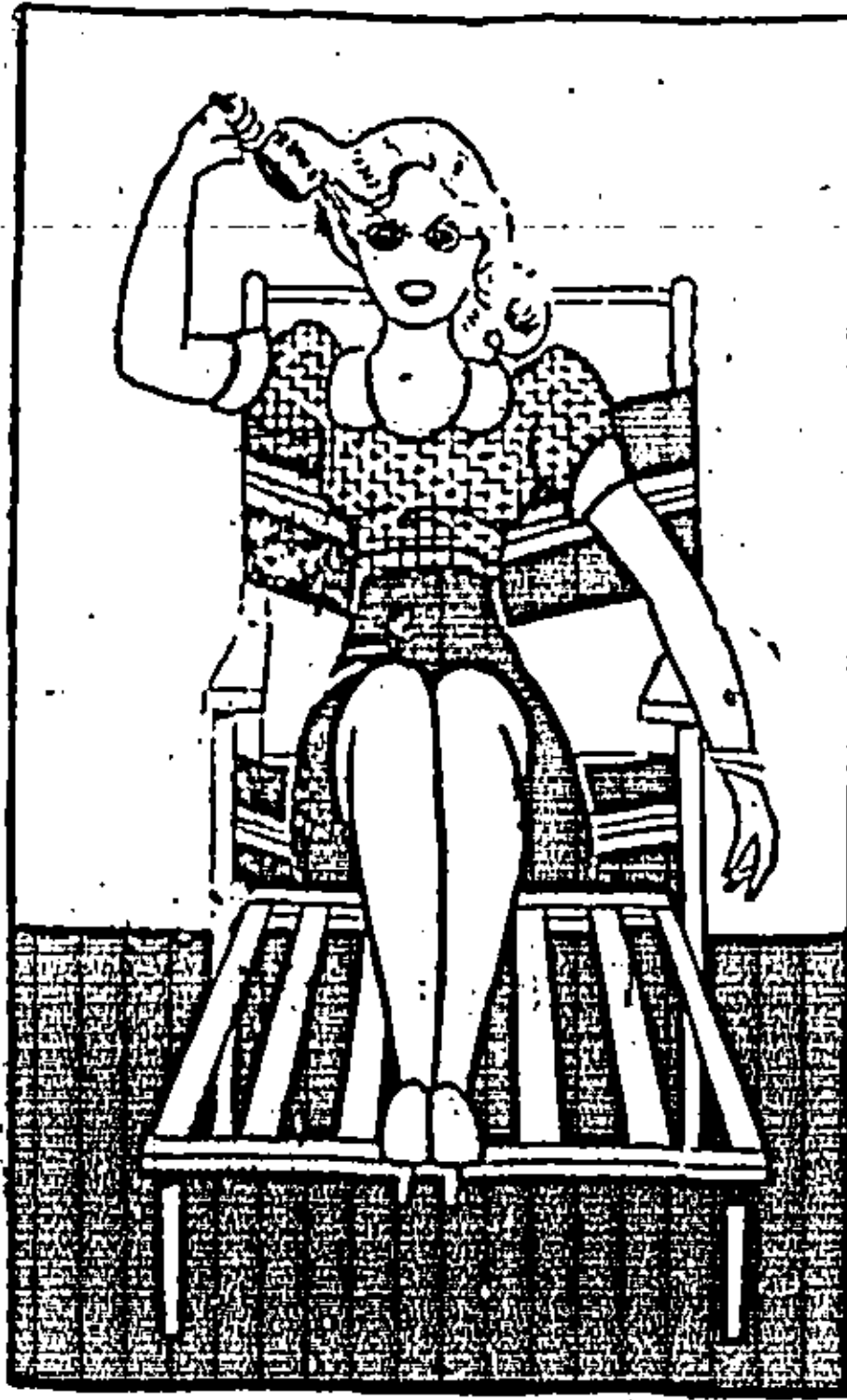
There are many excellent liquid shampoos prepared for treatment of oily hair, but if you like, you may prepare your own. Buy two ounces of tincture of green soap at a drug store (it is a liquid soap) which you put into a pan with one pint of cold water. Allow it to simmer until it reaches the boiling point—but it must not boil. Cool until it jellies.

Use one half of this for a shampoo, dampening your hair well with warm water before rubbing on the soap. You may give your hair two soapings, rinsing once between them. The hair must be thoroughly rinsed after the second soaping—from quite hot water to luke warm water. This may be followed by a vinegar rinse which is made by adding three table-spoonfuls of pure cider vinegar to a cupful of cold water. Pour it over the hair and leave it on for five or ten minutes, then rinse it off with fresh water. The vinegar rinse seems to help hair that has been permanently waved.

DRY AND SET

Your hair should be dried thoroughly by hand, beneath the sun if possible. If it is very oily, you should not brush it before you set it—simply comb out the tangles. But if it is not too oily you might give it a light brushing after it has been dried.

Don't hope for miraculous results after the very first shampoo. Keep up with the daily application of tonic for oily hair, the scalp massage and the brushing.



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Russian Beet Soup

(Six servings)

Two and one-half cups fresh-cooked beets, ¼ cup lemon juice, 2 tablespoons minced onion, 3 cups water, 2 cups heavy sour cream, parsley. Cut beets in Julienne strips; place in a two-quart top of the stove casserole or glass saucepan. Add lemon juice and minced onion; then add the water and the heavy cream. Bring to a boil; remove from direct heat. Add a few sprigs of parsley and serve from the saucepan as a soup. This is also a delicious summer soup when served iced.

Yale Beets

(Six servings)

Two tablespoons flour, ½ cup sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ cup orange juice, 2 tablespoons butter, 12 to 14 medium-sized beets. Mix flour, sugar and salt together and place in a 1½-quart top of the stove casserole or saucepan. Add orange juice and butter and bring to boil over direct heat, stirring frequently. Add beets and continue heating for about 5 minutes.

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12.30 p.m.—Maxine Sullivan in a "Swing" programme with Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Mozart—Piano Sonata in A Minor, Arthur Schnabel.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Glazounow—Stenka Razin.
6.15 p.m.—Enesco—Rumanian Rhapsody No. 1 in A Major.
6.28 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.30 p.m.—Richard Tauber (Tenor), and Debroy Somers Band.
7.00 p.m.—Half an hour of Dance Music, Jay Wilbur and His Band, Oskar Joost Tango Orchestra, Freddie "Schmickelfritz" Fisher and His Band, Mantovani's Orchestra for Dancing and Gerald and His Orch.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Chopin—Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orch.
8.37 p.m.—A Russian Programme, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Theodore Challepine, London Symphony Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.
9.45 p.m.—Mrs. Woodford-Finden's "Four Indian Love Lyrics" sung by Nelson Eddy (Baritone).
10.00 p.m.—B.E.C. Recording—"Over the Garden Wall".
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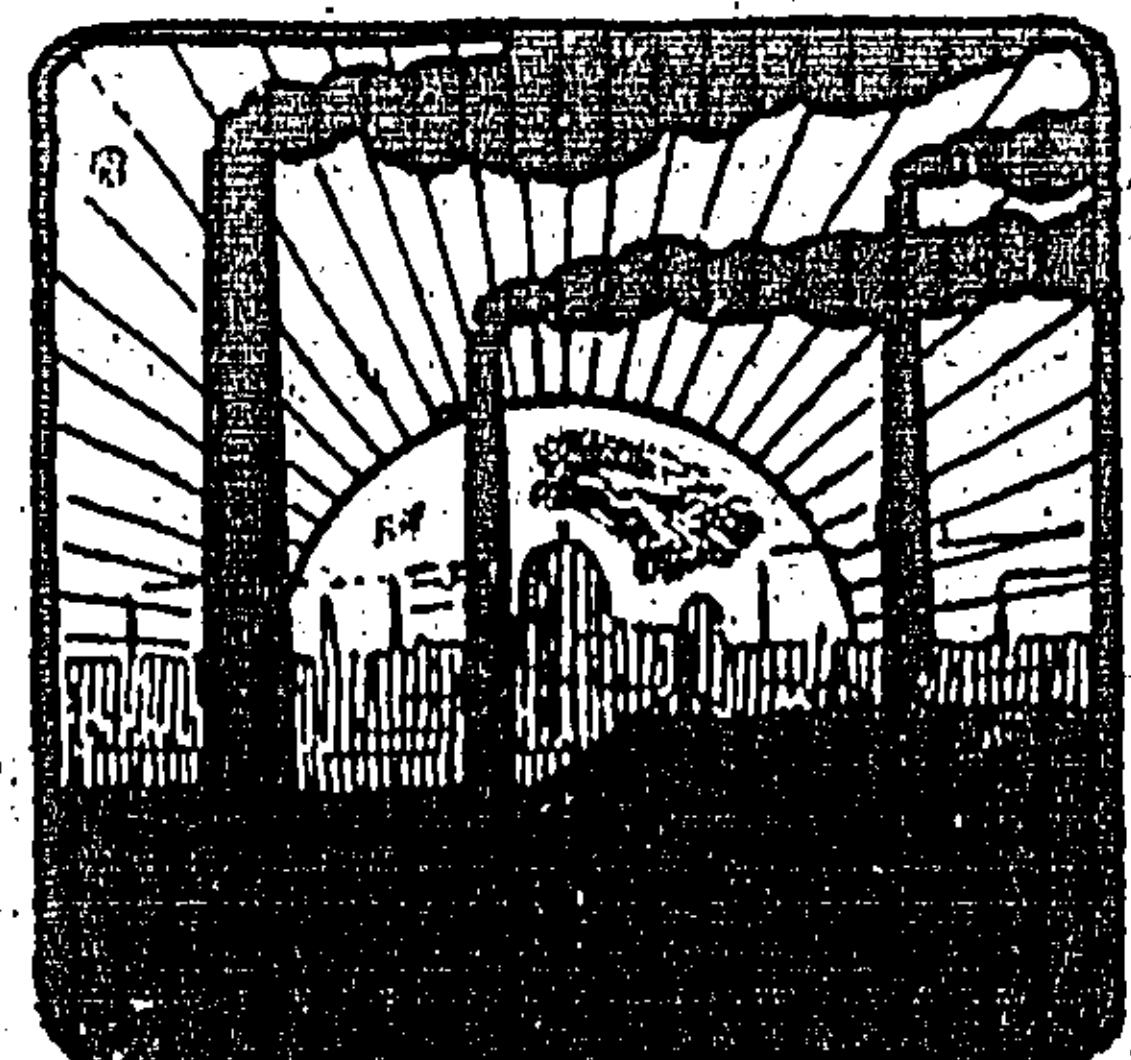
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SYPHONED FIRM'S PETROL — GAOLED

On two charges of stealing three and three-quarter gallons of petrol belonging to his employers, William Cross, aged 28, a motor driver, of Sussex Road, Southall, Middlesex, was at Ealing sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Detective-sergeant Perry said that a constable saw Cross syphoning petrol from his employer's lorry into a tin outside his own house. Cross admitted taking the petrol for his own motor-cycle, and was alleged to have said that he had stolen two gallons the previous day.

Cross stated in court that he had used up his petrol coupons for this month, and wanted petrol to go away for the week-end.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8. Silver was quoted at 22-1/2 spot and 22-1/4 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.—0250 and the New York/London rate at £—U.S.\$3.89%.

Doris Lupton, aged 23, of Bowling Old-lane, Bradford, is detained in Bradford Royal Infirmary with shot wounds, believed to have been inflicted by an L.D.V. sentry.

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K.B.G.C.	v H.K. Electric
K.F.C.	v P.O.C.
C.C.C.	v H.K.C.C.
AUGUST 24	
H.K. Electric	v H.K.F.C.
P.O.C.	v H.K.C.C.
I.R.C.	v K.B.G.C.
AUGUST 31	
H.K.F.C.	v K.F.C.
H.K.C.C.	v H.K. Electric
C.C.C.	v P.O.C.
SEPTEMBER 7	
C.C.C.	v H.K. Electric
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H.K.C.C.	v K.F.C.
SEPTEMBER 14	
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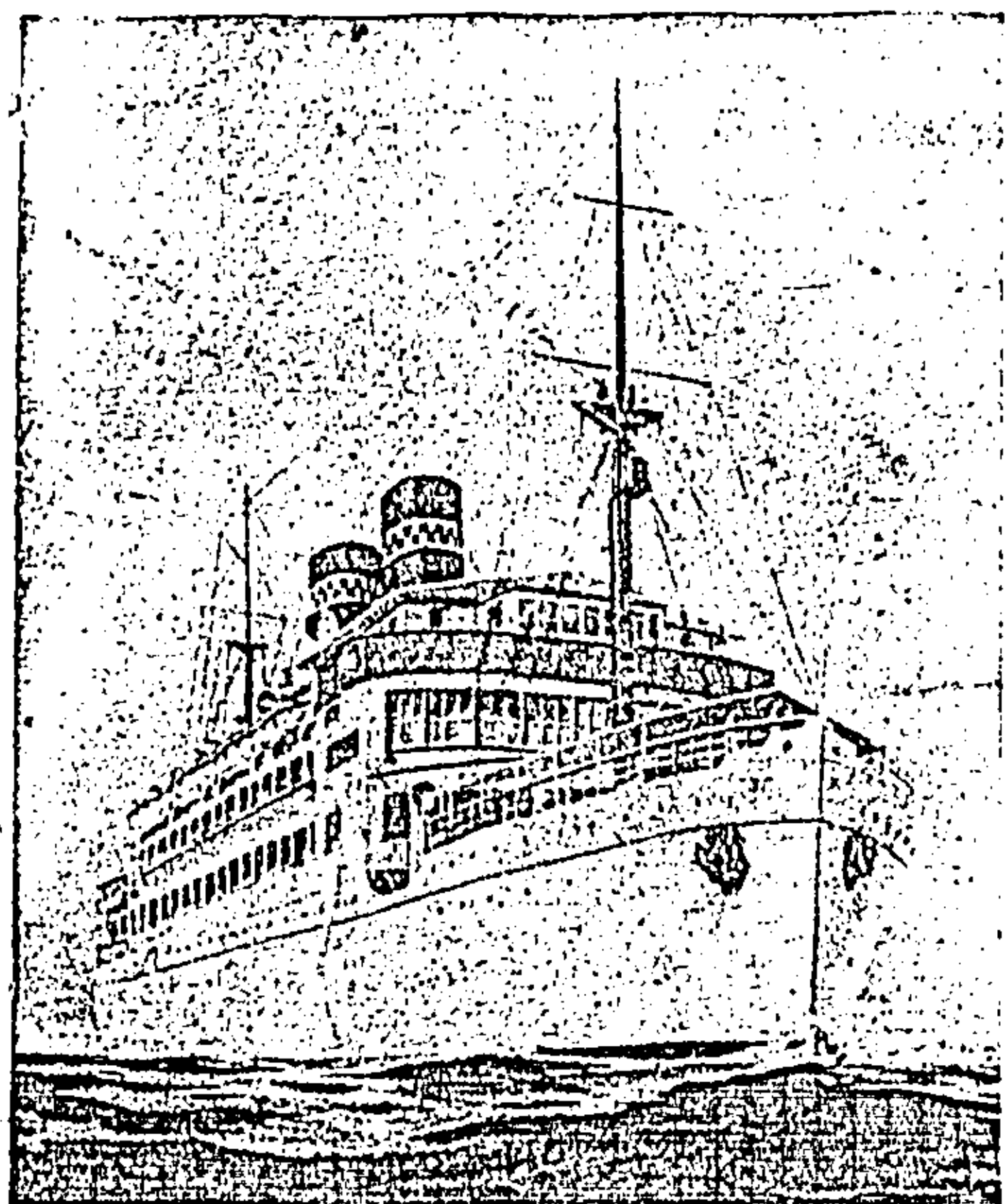
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Several Interesting Inter-Club Galas Arranged For This Week

S. China Secures Wee Ghee-Hoe As Swimming Coach

By "Natator"

EVIDENCE OF THE growing popularity of friendly inter-club swimming contests may be found in the fact that another match in the form of a triangular tournament has been arranged between European "Y," Chung Shing and Eastern to take place at the European "Y" Pool on Saturday at 9.15 p.m.

This will be the first real test of Eastern's strength, and with the formidable array of swimmers they have recently gathered from the various clubs, they should be able to justify their claim to be classed with the stronger Chinese teams.

Their 300 metres free-style relay team has been quite successful in recent galas, and their latest triumph was a fortnight ago, when they won the event (six men) with an average of 29-1/2 seconds each swimmer.

Eastern will probably be fielding Tommy Kew, Shek Kam-pui, Lee Fook-ke and Kwok Fung-sun for the sprint events. They have been further strengthened by the return of Tsu Hang.

The breast-stroke events will be taken care of by Kwok Chuh-hang, former Colony record holder, and Tsu Kam-mun, whilst the back-stroke will be swam by Shek Kam-pui.

For Chung Shing, Ng Nin will figure prominently in most of the events together with Ng Chun-man, whilst for the back-stroke, they have Cheung Che-heung, who can give a good account of himself although usually swimming second string to Ng Nin. For the breast-stroke they will probably select Chan Po-yung or Tsang Chap-he.

In the face of such strong opposition, it would seem that European "Y" will not have much of a chance, and the gala will probably be a struggle between the Chinese Clubs.

G. Arnold will probably be selected for the 50 yards event and for one of the team races, with G. T. May swimming the other and the 220 and 440 yard events. Peter Wilson and B. S. Wilson should represent "Y" in the breast and back-stroke events as well as the Medley relay.

Chung Shing Beaten By "Y" At Water Polo

Playing at home last Friday European "Y" defeated a strong Chung Shing combination by 6 goals to 4. Both teams showed good form and a very thrilling game was witnessed. R. Goldman scored in the first minute of play, with a powerful shot, but Ng Nin equalised for Chung Shing within half a minute.

"Y" scored twice more through Fowler, whilst S. P. Chan replied once for his side to close the first half.

Early in the second half, Benn scored for "Y," but Cheung Che-heung and Kong Cheuk-chau netted to tie the score. It was only in the last minute of play that Fowler gave "Y" the lead again and R. Goldman added another goal shortly after to put the issue beyond doubt.

As with all the other Chinese teams, Chung Shing found difficulty in playing in a pool with a shallow end, and it was only in the second half, when they were attacking in the deep end that they settled down. Chung Shing was the faster team, and always got the ball at the start, mainly through Ng Nin, but "Y" displayed better team work. S. P. Chan for Chung Shing, was always a menace, but was closely guarded by Eric Railton. Ng Nin, who did most of the work, by retrieving loose balls, was particularly outstanding. In the defence, Poon Ping-man and Kwok Chan-hang did very well and had very good understanding with Tong Shiu-fai, the goal-keeper who, in spite of being beaten on six occasions, gave a good performance. For "Y," G. Fowler was the best forward, and was well fed by his centre-half, R. Goldman also played a brilliant game for his side, and was instrumental

in securing two goals for his side.

A return game with Chung Shing at Kennedy Town at some future date has been promised by the "Y."

To-morrow, South China will be entertained by European "Y" to water polo and on Friday one of H.M. Ships will field a team against the Chinese team at "Y" pool.

The South China line-up for both games will be Ng Wai-chol, H. Winglee, Lee Ke-yeung, Kwok Kai-chiu, Henry Sa, Lionel Lowe and Poon Yan Leung.

Chinese Triangular Meet Makes Auspicious Start

The first of the series of South China-Chinese Bathing Club-Chinese Y.M.C.A. Triangular Tournaments was successfully held at North Point last week. The usual large crowd, turned out to see the gala which was featured by close finishes and the lowering of one record in the ladies' events. In spite of the fact that Chinese "Y" was not represented by any Lai Tsun swimmers, who were being kept in reserve for the more important V.R.C. Meet, Chinese "Y" did quite well in the men's events, winning first places in all the three events, whilst C.B.C. and South China each accounted for one of two ladies' events.

The gala opened with the Ladies' 100 metres free-style which began with a fast pace and developed into a very slow finish, as obviously the swimmers exhausted themselves too soon. Miss Ho Wai-chun of C.B.C. swam a fairly good race and finished first in 1 min. 34 secs. In the last 25 metres Miss Lee Cheuk-wa, of South China made a spirited attempt to catch up, but found the going of the first lap had already exhausted her.

The "B" class event for the same distance proved to be a much better race with the Misses Ngan Suet-ye and Ho Wai-man racing neck to neck all the way, the latter finishing one-fifth second ahead in 1 min. 47-1/5 secs.

Considering that both swam with a breast-stroke, the time is fairly good for their class. The 50 metre free-style for men was a runaway affair for Lo Yuk-wing who negotiated the distance in 30 seconds, a very poor time for a swimmer of Lo's calibre.

By far the most thrilling race of the evening was the 100 metres back-stroke for men, when Yeung Cheung-wa (SC) and Yeung Yiu-kwan ("Y"), swam shoulder to shoulder over the whole distance, Yeung Cheung-wa losing by a touch to Yeung Yiu-kwan.

The "B" class event proved equally thrilling, with Chan Kam-cheung finishing one-fifth of a second ahead of Au Leung-wa who started to splint too late.

The 50 metres free-style for boys, in which all six participants adopted the breast-stroke demonstrated the popularity of that stroke among the Chinese.

The distance event of 1500 metres, which is usually a very boring event to watch was enlivened by the fact that for the first 10 laps of 50 metres, the three swimmers kept pace with each other. Ho Pun-kun, of South China, and Chan Man-por, of C.B.C., were to a great extent handicapped as they swam breast-stroke all the way, whilst Chan Kwok-kwan utilised a crawl stroke, and it was only after the 14th lap that Chan Kwok-kwan managed to gain an appreciable lead of about 35 me-



Wee Ghee-hoe, new South China Coach.

tres, whilst Chan Man-por and Ho Pun-kun were still on level terms. After the 18th lap the lead steadily increased to about 50 metres. Ho Pun-kun drew away from Chan Man-por on the 20th length. Sprinting to a finish, Chan Kwok-kwan completed the course a full 100 metres ahead of Ho Pun-kun, who finished when Chan Man-por still had 50 metres more to go.

Unofficial Record By Miss Lee Po-luen

The highlight of the evening was the record shattering time of 3 mins 32-3/5 secs, returned by Miss Lee Po-luen for the Ladies' 200 metres breast-stroke event. By her achievement she has lowered the Federation record of 3 min. 33-2/5 secs. set up by herself last year, on which occasion she broke the National record established by Miss Chan Yuk-king at the National Meet in 1935.

This record will not be recognised, as the tournament had not obtained the official recognition of the Federation. The three clubs, forming this meet, withdrew from Federation some time ago.

Miss Lee Po-luen found no difficulty in taking the lead from the start and held it all the way. It is my opinion that she would have lowered the record still further had there been more competition. In my comments on her progress, a fortnight ago, I reported that she swam the distance in 3 min. 32 secs. and I am quite sure she is capable of repeating the performance.

Diving exhibitions were given by Wong Yan (C.B.C.), Wong Kwok-kit (C.B.C.), Soong Yiu-tak ("Y"), Liu Cheung (S.C.) and Yeung Cheung-wa (S.C.).

Wong Yan and Wong Kwok-kit were the most outstanding performers, Wong Kwok-kit's one-and-a-half being particularly good, especially his entry into the water, whilst Wong Yan was at his best in the plain jack-knife. Soong Yiu-tak rendered the best plain dive of the evening.

The water polo game between the home team C.B.C. which concluded the programme was won by the latter by two clear goals. The first goal was scored by Kwok Kai-chiu of South China, who accidentally deflected the ball into his own goal. Robert Chan added the score with a forehead shot.

The game which was one of the cleanest witnessed at North Point for a long time, was marred by one incident. Fortunately,

strict control by the referee averted what might have turned out to be a most unpleasant affair.

Chinese Bathing Club:—Po King-fook, Fong Chung U, Enrique Chan, Wong Cheuk-nin, Wong Sau-san, Chu Fook-to, Robert Chan (1).

South China:—Ng Wai-chol, Lee Ke-yeung, Harold Winglee, Lionel Lowe, Henry Sa, Donald Yeung Cheung-wa, Kwok Kai-chiu (own goal).

The up-to-date table of the tournament is as follows:

S.C.C.B.C. "Y"			
50 metres free-style Men	1	2	3
100 metres back-stroke Men	2	0	3
1500 metres free-style Men	2	1	3
200 metres breast-stroke Ladies	3	2	1
100 metres free-style Ladies	2	3	1

The date for the second section of the tournament has been fixed for Wednesday August 14, and will take place at Chinese "Y" pool at North Point. The events which will count for points are the 100 metres free-style and the 200 metres free-style relay for men, and the 50 metres and 100 metres free-style for Ladies.

Wee Ghee-hoe To Coach South China

In order to re-build a swimming team, with whatever material they have left as a consequence of the exodus of their best swimmers to other clubs, South China have now obtained the valuable services of Mr. Wee Ghee Hoe, better known in the swimming world as "Coach Wong", who will be in-entire charge of the re-organisation.

Coach Wong was born in Terempan, Anambas Islands, D.E.I. and is interested in all sports, particularly baseball, football, tennis, and swimming, representing the Great China University during 1925-26 in these branches of sport.

However, it was in swimming that he has taken a more serious interest, and represented the Singapore Chinese Swimming Club at Swimming and Water-polo in 1922-24.

In 1927, he reached the height of his achievement when he represented China in the 100 and 400 metres events at the eighth Far Eastern Olympic at Shanghai in 1927.

In 1932 he turned his attention to the coaching side of the sport and was given the position of Head Coach of the South China Athletic Association at Canton during 1932-33 and in Hong Kong during 1934-36.

During the latter period he was directly instrumental in Norman Lee's meteoric rise to prominence. His other pupils include such sprinters as Tommy Kew, Miss Yeung Sau-chun and innumerable others.

He was twice appointed official coach at the Chinese National Meet, for the Kwang Tung delegation in 1933 and the Hong Kong delegation in 1935. With such an eminent coach, South China have good reason to look forward with confidence to a more prospective swimming season. I understand that his coaching work will be carried on right through the winter season.

Chung Shing Gala To-morrow

Chung Shing will be holding a gala to-morrow evening, in which (Continued at foot of Next Col.)

HARDSTAFF'S CENTURY AGAINST HIS OLD COUNTY

Several first-class cricket matches were played in England over the last few days, showing that the war is not being allowed to completely disorganise British sport.

Best result in the batch of scores cabled from London yesterday by Reuter was Joe Hardstaff's 183 for the R.A.F. against his old County, Notts, in a one-day match. Despite Hardstaff's effort however, Notts were able to win by seven wickets.

Following were summaries of the scores as cabled by Reuter:—Leicestershire beat Northants by 68 runs.

Leicestershire—170 (Smith 5 for 71) and 188. Northants—172 and 118.

The following matches were played over one day:—

Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by 91 runs. Worcestershire—173. Warwickshire—82 (Perk 7 for 40).

The British Empire XI beat Richmond by 160 runs. British Empire—257 for 8 dec. Richmond—97.

Notts beat the Royal Air Force by 7 wickets. R. A. F.—257 (Hardstaff 183) Notts—286 for 3.

—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Yesterday being a holiday and "A" Division being already a long way behind in its fixtures, matches have been fixed in both "A" and "B" Division for this afternoon.

Following is the programme:—

"A" Division	
C.R.C.	v. I.R.C.
H.K.U.T.C.	v. K.C.C.
"B" Division	
K.T.G.C.A.	v. A.T.C.
K.C.C.	v. C.R.C.
I.R.C.	v. C.D.R.

BOWLS WASHED OUT

No games were played yesterday in the Third Round of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship, owing to the sodden state of the greens.

Competitors are reminded that they may make mutual arrangements for these games to be played off.

will be featured a 150 metres medley relay open to the Colony. A notable change in the three styles, is that the "Butterfly" stroke will be allowed in place of the breast-stroke. Eastern has signified their intention of entering two teams, whilst V.R.C. or International will probably field a team. Chung Shing, who are also entering a team, are favoured to win this event.

The probable teams are:—Eastern:—Shek Kam-pui (back), Kwok Chan-hang (breast) and Lee Fook-ko (free). Chung Shing:—Cheung Che-heung (back), Ng Nin (butterfly) and Ng Chun-man (free).

Owing to inclement weather, V.R.C.-Lal Tsun tournament was postponed. The teams remain almost the same as previously announced, with the exception that D. G. Taylor has now decided to swim in the shorter distances, whilst E. M. Marques will probably swim in place of Jose Marques in the breast-stroke events. Hutchinson will now be available for the Medley relay, and will make the event a certainty.

South China inter-members water polo league has been successfully concluded. The trophy was won by the "Wah" team captained by Lee Ke-yeung.

It is also reported that Chinese Athletic Association are starting a similar league for its members and so far four teams have been formed.

WHAT SERVICES THINK ABOUT SPORT

THERE HAS NEVER been any doubt what Service men think about the continuance of sport up to the point where it can no longer be conducted without interference with the national need, writes L. V. Manning in the London "Daily Sketch."

And we have had too much evidence they agree with the Government's attitude to join the uninterested who would wipe out all form of public diversion and prefer the Home Front plunged in an orgy of unrelieved depression.

Note that those who shout loudest for some mysterious reason, say nothing about closing the cinema or the theatre. Here is the true story of the commanding officer of a unit recently home from the horrors of France.

He is now stationed with his men not so far from a popular racetrack.

When he was introduced to the Clerk of the Course almost his first words were:—"I hope you will do all you can to have a meeting on the course. I'm no racing fan, but I know it would be just what the doctor orders for my boys."

FIREWORKS BY JEAN NICHOLL AND KAY MENZIES IN CHARITY TOURNEY IN LONDON

WIMBLEDON STARS THRILL THE CROWD

LAWN TENNIS STARS provided doubles matches of Wimbledon quality on the two indoor courts at Queen's Club, London, last month in aid of a War Relief Fund and Red Cross, writes a correspondent from Home.

On the outdoor hard courts players of club and county standard took part in an American tournament.

Highlight of the day was the women's doubles game, in which Miss Jean Nicoll and Mrs. Menzies (Kay Stammers) beat Mrs. Little (Dorothy Round) and Miss Billie Yorke 6-3, 7-9, 6-4.

Dorothy had travelled in the morning from Worcestershire. She gave a glimpse of her finest play in the second set, when she produced some fast forehand cross-court drives.

Jean Was Superb

But she has not played much tennis since the war, and she and Miss Yorke were beaten in the last set by a real display of fireworks by Jean and Kay.

Jean's tennis was some of the best I have ever seen, even on the Centre Court. Her running-in volleys, her speed and direction were superb. Jean is fast developing into the perfect player.

Mrs. Marcus Marsh (Eileen Bennett) made a return to big tennis with Ronald Shays in a doubles. They were beaten by Miss Yorke and H. Billington 6-2, 6-4.

Eileen has not played in public for three years, and her game lacked that sting which comes with constant practice.

Olliff And Billington Shine

Billington and Pilot-Officer John Olliff were irresistible in two matches. They beat Tony Mottram and Edmund Burke 6-4, 6-4, and then repeated the performance against Mottram and Shays, winning 6-2, 6-4.

E. Wittmann, the Polish Davis Cup player, who is now in the British Army, and Miss Joan Ingram beat Miss Gem Hoahing and W. C. Choy 7-5, 7-5.

H. A. Coldham and Miss Mary Whitmarsh won the American doubles tournament in a final on the main court with 11 points.

COTTON RAFFLES GOLF LESSON FOR £40

HENRY COTTON'S extremely inventive mind is hard at work concocting a new money-producing scheme to increase the takings at his next match — for the "Daily Sketch" War Relief Fund on July 27, writes L. V. Manning last month.

He will be partnering Maureen Ruffe, the schoolgirl winner of the recent "Daily Sketch" Southern Tournament.

Henry's inventions include his own system of scything the long grass in his home paddock without loss of life and limb — Mrs. Cotton locked herself in her room and drew the blinds when the first experiment was carried out!

Since taking part in charity golf matches Henry has thought up various schemes for raking in extra money, including the "eagles and birdies racket."

Spectators are invited to reward the player who beats par as they consider he deserves, and the money goes to the fund. "It turns exhibitions into challenge matches," says Henry, "for we have our private bets on who scores the most birdies. Eagles we regard as sheer luck in most cases."

This subscribing on the course has brought in hundreds of pounds this year.

A New Record

Henry is both player and auctioneer on these occasions, and recently, as an added inducement to generous spectators, put up golfing lessons from himself to the highest bidder.

His first raffled lesson brought in £40 in twelve minutes.

Cotton tells me he expects the record for the Red Cross Fund to be beaten at Harborne, Birmingham, to-morrow, when he and Open Champion Dick Burton meet in a 36-holes match in the afternoon and evening.

The club has already annexed one record by collecting £500 before the match begins. The challenge is all the more poignant in that Burton, chased by Cotton at Sundridge, beat him by a single stroke for the "Daily Mail" first prize a week ago.

Proud possessor of the record for a day's takings for the Red Cross Fund is Abbeydale Club, Sheffield, who collected £1,000.

"THE GREATEST PLAY I'VE EVER SEEN..."

(This is another of a series of short descriptions of "The Greatest Play I've Ever Seen," as appearing in the Shanghai "China Press.")

BY HARRY NILES

AS TOLD TO HAL P. MILLS

Remember Carl Tavares? There was a lad who could play tennis, baseball and many other sports, an all-around, sports-loving man and a credit to amateur sports.

He is the hero of my tale, a tale of a baseball game several years ago at the Race Course. I forget the exact year and won't attempt to name it.

Carl could catch, play outfield or infield or even pitch, in fact, I've seen him play every one of the nine positions.

The Shanghai Amateurs were clashing with a strong Marine team and game was nip-and-tuck for eight innings. In the ninth, the Leathernecks went on a batting spree and when the side had been retired, three runs were chalked up. With a half-inning to go it looked bad for the homesters.

But "Demon" Hyde started the fireworks with a screaming double to centre, which might have been a triple if the "Demon" had hustled a bit more. The next batter singled him to third and both scored when the next man lambasted a triple to deep right-centre. The Marines hastily changed pitchers, and the new hurler, after throwing three straight balls, regained control

and whiffed the next two men. Up to bat came Carl Tavares and what he did may prove the subject of pro and con arguments. Personally, I think it was smart baseball but probably a lot of fans will hold opposite views.

Again the new Marine twirler threw three straight balls, ones which the umps obligingly called balls.

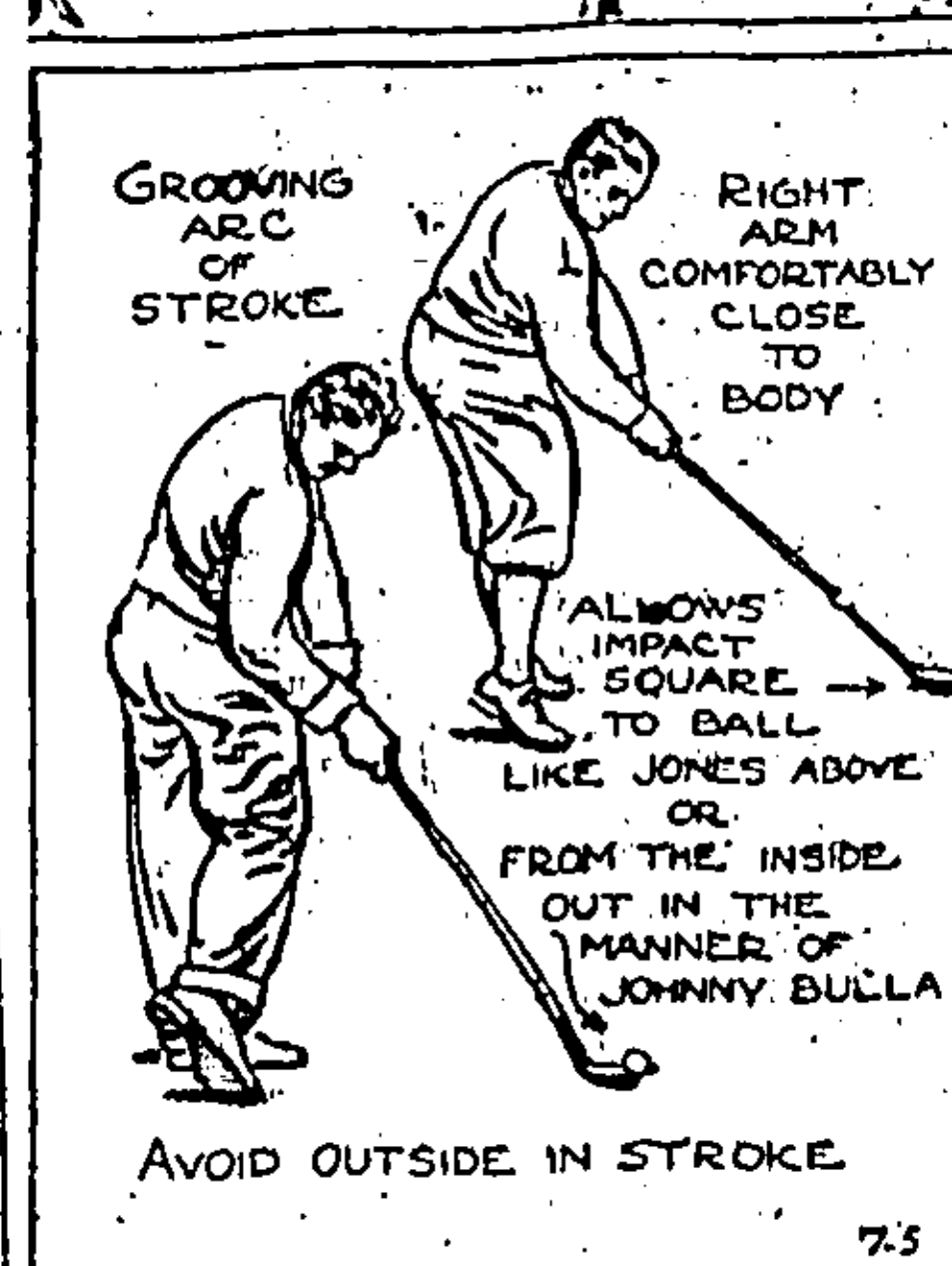
With the count three balls and no strikes, the pitcher threw a fast straight ball squarely at the plate. Under ordinary circumstances a batter would take one or even two strikes, what with the pitcher in the hole. Carl, however, crossed up the hurler and swung on the fast, straight one. Connected, too.

It was a hard hit ball to left-centre and Carl didn't stop until safely at second. He promptly took a long lead and when the next hitter dropped a teasing single to right, Carl scampered home with the winning run.

Smart ball or foolishness? Smart, I'd say.

(H.P.M.'s note: Mr. Harry Niles is a well-known business man, American; a man-about-town, a devotee of clean sports and a lover of dumb animals, particularly small dogs. Also an Old China Hand.)

GRAPHIC GOLF



Impact Position

By BEST BALL

Allowing the right elbow to stray away from the right side on the downstroke is a common error. Its reaction on the clubhead arc is to allow it to swerve outside the line of flight and cut across the ball from the outside in. This adds a slicing tendency to the shot. If the right arm is kept well in, as both Jones and Bulla are doing above, the impact position will be good which means that the chances of the shot being good are high. Such procedure keeps the arc of the club close to the body so that the clubhead can contact the ball straight along the line, or slightly from the inside out. Both are recommended swinging paths.

Though Bulla's right arm is closer in than Jones their positions at this point are highly similar. Both are "pushing off" the right foot to accelerate the unwinding of the body and add momentum to the swing. The curvature of their bodies is the same as at address, the left hip well out of the path of the stroke and left leg braced to hit against. The average player would do well to try and emulate this position at impact.

SOME TALES OF A FAMOUS CRICKET UMPIRE

It may have been tough on Bill Reeves, one of cricket's most colourful umpires, fielding for Essex Club and Ground last month at mid-on and mid-off (which when you are 64 is better than long-on and long-off), but the bowling hand of the old irrepressible has not lost its cunning. He took three for 21, writes a London correspondent.

He also bagged a balloon, but, having learned the true philosophy of the crease in many years of excellent umpiring, that didn't depress Bill.

And here's two more of the endless stream of Bill Reeves stories you may not have heard.

Arrived in the dressing-room at close of play, he was approached by a famous player who said he wasn't out lbw, Reeves having given the decision. "Weren't you," replied William. "You have a look at the morning papers."

Once in reply to a loud appeal Reeves replied "Not out" firmly and then, as the bowler walked back, said softly: "Barnardo!"

At the end of the over the bowler asked what he meant by "Barnardo."

"You're always appealing, aren't you," said Reeves.

On Throwers

On hearing that a player named Thrower was to play for Essex at Chelmsford recently, a colleague told me reminiscently there had been two previous instances of at least suspected throwers in that county history.

In 1900, when the authorities drew up a black list of bowlers with doubtful deliveries, asking county captains not to put them on the list, included C. B. Fry, who rarely bowled and then not well, Bill Quaife, of Warwick, Geeson, of Leicester, and the late F. G. Bull, of Essex.

The other case was when C. J. Kortright backed himself, when playing billiards in a Manchester hotel, to throw a ball at Old Traf-

SING TAO'S BIG WIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Sing Tao scored their biggest win of the tour when they beat the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday at Penang by 6 goals to 2.

Kwong Ying-kee scored four goals and Lai Shui-wing and Yeung Shui-yick the others.

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ford next day without being "called."

He did so and was not "called," but was spotted by a lynx-eyed Lancastrian in the crowd who did not forget to give tongue.

The old bodyline firm of Larwood and Voce appeared for a Notts eleven against a Derby Border League side last month.

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the Third Round of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Competition.

At C.S.C.C.
R. Baša and J. S. Landolt v L. F. Xavier and R. F. Luz.

At Club de Recreio
E. Levett and R. Duncan v E. W. C. Simmonds and F. Goodwin.

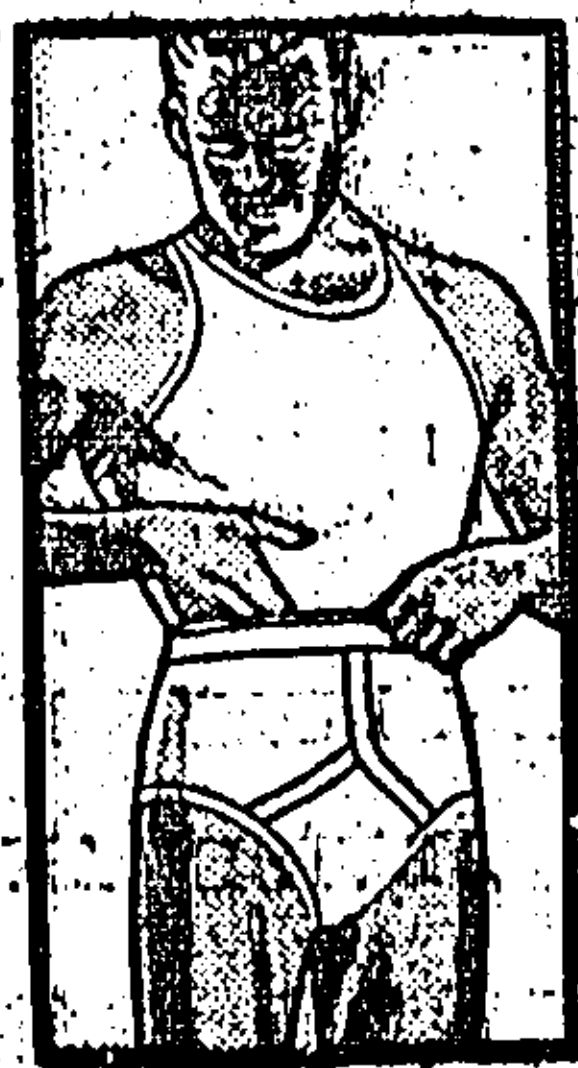
A. A. Razack and C. S. Rosset v A. Bone and T. A. Madar.

At K.F.C.
W. L. Walker and J. Deakin v C. F. Needham and A. Brooks-bank.



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JAPANESE ARMY RESHUFFLE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Stronger repression of espionage, unification of the military police system and strengthening of the national defence system in Japan, are the fundamental aims of the Army re-shuffle, according to the Tokyo press yesterday.

The re-shuffle was announced under the form of the regular semi-annual list of promotions and command changes which assume extraordinary significance in view of present circumstances, according to the "Asahi."

According to the official Gazette, the powers of the gendarmerie have been increased. Measures are also announced for closer co-operation between the various prefectural civil authorities and the local army commanders. Another important decision announced in the Gazette was the establishment of a central military fuel depot under the command of Major-General Moto Hasegawa.

Creation of this depot marks the completion of the unification of the military fuel administration, supervising the manufacture, storage, purchase and distribution of all fuels, fats, oils and their by-products required by the army.

Among promotions are Lt-General Yoshiji Umetzu, commanding the Kwantung army, and Lt-General Ooto Yamada, Inspector-General of Military Education, both to the rank of full general.—Havas.

ULTIMATUM RUMOURS DISPOSED OF

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Balkans continue to be a hotbed of rumours, derived largely from Nazi inspiration.

Latest alleges that in the last two or three days an ultimatum has been conveyed to the Turkish Government on behalf of both Italy and Germany calling on Turkey to choose between Britain and the Axis Powers.

The reports are denied in authoritative Turkish quarters in Ankara.—Havas.

M.B.K. FOREMAN ATTACKED

An unprovoked attack on the Chinese foreman of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Co. in the Yau-mati District was made at 8.45 a.m. this morning.

The victim, Chiu Kai, 51, in a statement to the Police, said that he was struck in the face while in the lavatory, and his belt, containing some \$210, was unbuckled and taken away by the attacker.

He has since been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from two black eyes.

Facts And Figures on The Air Struggle

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT DURING A RECENT PERIOD OF A MONTH THE R.A.F. DROPPED 37,000 BOMBS ON GERMANY AND OCCUPIED COUNTRIES, COMPARED WITH ONLY ABOUT 7,000 DROPPED BY THE GERMANS IN RAIDS ON BRITAIN IN THE SAME PERIOD.

Since the night of June 18/19, confirmed German losses in aircraft totalled 307 compared with 172 R.A.F. losses.

It is believed in London that Britain is running neck and neck with Germany in the rate of aircraft production which in Britain has recently increased by leaps and bounds.

SHANGHAI TRADE DEPRESSION

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The depression in Shanghai markets, the continued rise in the cost of living index and the corresponding fall in the purchasing power of the Shanghai dollar, can be ascribed to four main causes, according to a report issued yesterday by the industrial section of the S.M.C.

These manifestations, according to the report, resulted from:

Firstly, the crash in speculation which adversely influenced the commodity markets.

Secondly, over-stocking.

Thirdly, the repercussion of the European war upon local stocks.

Fourthly, the closing of the Indo-China and Burma routes and the blockade of Chekiang and Fukien ports, which deprived local productions of their main outlet.

—Havas.

RUMANIAN TO ACCEPT AMPUTATION?

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A further amputation of about one-third of the present Rumanian territory, when Transylvania is returned to Hungary, will soon be an accomplished fact.

M. Bossy, Rumanian Minister to Rome, who heads the Rumanian delegation in the Hungaro-Rumanian negotiations, is expected in Budapest shortly.

According to the Budapest newspaper "Pester Lloyd," the Hungarian Government will suggest as a basis for negotiations the clause embodied in the Belgrade armistice on November 14, 1918, which fixed the demarcation line between the Austro-Hungarian and Allied armies.

This line ran from the high valley of Natszaos along the Bistritza River through Maros, village on the Maros River, and along that waterway until its junction with the Tisza River.

Rumanian public opinion, however, is rising strongly against any further territorial concessions.—Havas.

Meanwhile the latest R.A.F. communique, issued in London yesterday, announced that R.A.F. bombers attacked the oil plant at Sterkrade, in the Ruhr. Considerable damage was done to the target which was left in flames.

An attack was also made on Krefeld aerodrome where a hangar was hit and fires started among the aerodrome buildings. All our aircraft returned safely.

The Air Ministry news service adds that from before midnight until the early hours, R.A.F. raiders were over the Sterkrade works.

They dropped 14 tons of high explosive bombs and incendiaries and set alight oil flowing from the shattered storage tanks.

One pilot said the fire was still blazing as he flew home.—Reuter.

Blenheims Clash With Messerschmidts

The Air Ministry news service states that three Blenheims of the Coastal Command, flying in tight formation above the clouds, defeated four Messerschmidt 109's on Sunday.

The Blenheims were patrolling the French coast when the Messerschmidts attacked them.

The British dived steeply in formation, firing the whole time, and two Messerschmidts broke away and headed for the French coast, one apparently in flames.

The Blenheims brought the concentrated fire of their rear guns on one of the remaining German planes and it is believed it was severely damaged.

The Blenheims all landed safely without damage or casualties.—Reuter.

METZLER MURDER. ARRESTS IN SHANGHAI

(Continued from Page 1).

funeral of the assassinated White Russian leader is taking place today.

Russian Papers At War

A sharp battle of words is being fought between the two Shanghai Russian dailies, one, the "Russian Daily News", accusing pro-Japanese elements of Metzler's murder, while the "Far Eastern Times" finds this accusation absurd and states the "Russian Daily News" is a Soviet publication trying to cover up its true identity.

The paper ends by saying the new Russian organisation will "compel the Soviet 'Russian Daily News' to close down with every possible means in our power."—Havas.

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STOP PRESS

There has been no further development arising out of the detention in Hong Kong of Mr. Yamaguchi as the result of action taken under the Defence Regulations, though it is learned that arrangements have been made for a visit to him by a member of the Japanese Consular staff.

Paul Yankovsky, chief of the Japanese affairs section of the French Police in Shanghai, was shot dead this morning at his home in the French Concession. An armed Chinese entered the house after obtaining admittance by calmly ringing the doorbell. Upon seeing Yankovsky he immediately started firing. Yankovsky was wounded in the throat and died a short while later. Yankovsky was recently in charge of prevention of political terrorism in the French Concession.

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